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SIR: I have the honor to transmit the accompanying manuscript entitled "State Stock Breeders' Associations," by Mr. George M. Rommel, expert in animal husbandry in this Bureau, and to recommend that it be published as a bulletin. This matter has been compiled in order to answer satisfactorily the many requests for such information that are received by the Bureau.

Respectfully,

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STATE STOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

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The organizations of breeders of domestic animals in the United States are divisible into two general groups—those whose purpose is the advancement of the industry in general, regardless of breed distinctions, and those devoted to the interests of one breed only. These groups, in turn, are each divisible into two classes—the former being made up of those whose purpose is principally educational or mainly protective, the latter being composed of associations of an educational nature and those for the registration of breeding stock.

The former class is devoted solely to the improvement ("amelioration," as the French stockmen say) of the live stock of the country as a whole. Stockmen bond themselves together and meet annually or semiannually to discuss the conditions of the industry, the problems confronting them, and ways and means to solve these problems. At these meetings experts are often asked to address the associations on scientific, economic, or legislative phases of the industry, and the conventions are rallying places for stockmen and their friends; and beyond doubt they act as a great impetus to progress and improvement. Educational, protective, and strictly economic purposes have been considered in formulating the rules by which these organizations are guided. In the corn belt we find associations whose purpose is simply to hold an annual meeting where various subjects are discussed, and not infrequently they collect statistics relating to the industry and wield more or less power in formulating legislation in their respective States. In the far West and Southwest the most powerful associations of this kind are found. These are especially organized for protective purposes, and the police work which they perform often receives by far the largest share of their attention. The enforcement of the stock laws of their States, the registration of brands, the employment of inspectors and agents of various kinds, and the campaign against cattle rustlers and horse thieves give them ample opportunity for development.

The breed associations form, in a sense, a separate group from those just mentioned. The State organizations are generally established solely for the purpose of advertising special breeds of stock. How-

ever, subjects of general interest are usually discussed at the meetings. Frequently, too, these organizations have records for the registration of pedigrees. This has been especially true in the case of several State sheep breeders' associations. The transition from one of these institutions to a full-fledged pedigree record association of national scope is thus seen to be an easy one. The latter organizations are, one might say, the keystone in the structure of our purebred stock breeding. Their records are developed to a very complete extent, and they represent to the breeder his safeguard against inferior animals, haphazard methods, and mongrel blood. Managed by broad-minded, conscientious, and conservative men, they are of untold value to the animal husbandry of the country.

It is apparent that if all the classes of associations of stockmen were discussed in an adequate manner the subject could not be handled within the scope of an article of reasonable length. For this reason it has seemed advisable to limit the scope of this article to those which are organized for the improvement of live stock in general, regardless of breed distinctions; and this apology is made for the apparent neglect to recognize the importance of the breed and record associations, reserving a discussion of them for a later article.

The general live stock associations, then, may be regarded as educational and protective. Associations like the Pennsylvania, Illinois, and California live stock breeders' associations, the Southern Live Stock Association, the Ohio Horse Breeders' Association, etc., belong to the former class, the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas and the Northwestern and Montana Stock Growers' Associations to the latter. Regarding the business of their members, we may make another classification and call these organizations general associations composed of breeders of all classes of stock and special class associations composed of the breeders of a particular class of stock. The Pennsylvania, Illinois, California, Western South Dakota, and Montana associations mentioned come under the former head, the Texas and Ohio associations under the latter.

The rules governing these organizations are quite similar, and the points of difference easily noted. The usual forms for the government of legislative bodies have been used in formulating their constitutions. For example, most of them are managed by some sort of an executive committee, composed generally of the officers and three or more additional members chosen by the association. The usual officers are a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer, the two latter offices being often merged with very good results. Money received is usually paid to the secretary and by him to the treasurer when the two offices are separate, and the accounts and records of these officers are usually audited at annual meetings by a committee especially appointed for that purpose. The publication

of a report is always a useful feature. It is generally under the auspices of the secretary, and includes, besides the regular business proceedings, a full report of the meetings held, addresses given, etc. Details, however, are presented in the following pages, the intention here being made to present the characteristic differences peculiar to bodies organized for a special purpose rather than all the details of organization, which will readily occur to one familiar with parliamentary law.

The material from which these notes have been drawn is the constitutions of the different associations, and it is very much to be regretted that a review of all of them can not be presented. The Bureau of Animal Industry requested the secretaries of all such associations in the United States to furnish copies of their constitutions for this purpose, but many failed to respond. Those which were received are discussed in this article. It is probable, however, that the number is sufficiently large to include the necessary features of a State stock breeders' association in any section of the country. The acknowledgments of the Bureau are due those officers who responded to its request.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The majority of the State live stock associations are primarily edutional. For example, the object of the California Live Stock Breeders' Association is "to encourage the breeding of purebred live stock, to improve the breeds of domestic animals in California, to secure adequate recognition of our animal industry from the State legislature and public officers, to provide for a comprehensive plan of agricultural education, to collect live-stock statistics and disseminate information respecting the superiority of purebred animals, to hold live-stock conventions, to promote live-stock exhibitions, to enlarge the usefulness of the State fair, and in general to contribute to the importance of California as a live-stock breeding center." The Hawaiian Live Stock Breeders' Association has undertaken the publication of a herdbook in which shall be registered the purebred animals bred upon or imported into the Territory.[a]

The Illinois and Kansas associations are organized for "the promotion of the interests of the breeders of live stock" in their respective States. The Louisiana Live Stock Breeders' Association is organized "to increase the excellence and provide for the preservation and dissemination, in their purity, of the different breeds of improved live stock of all kinds."

The Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, and Oregon associations are educational in purpose, and the constitution of the Ohio association

[a] The regulations are unique in that they state that "the herdbook shall contain no plates, engravings, or publications of the records of animals."

states that sanitation is one of its objects of work. The Pennsylvania association recommends expert judges to the fairs of the State whose services may be obtained as needed. These judges are elected at each annual meeting of the association. The same feature is used by the Iowa Corn and Hog Breeders' Association. The constitution of this association provides for a committee of six, one of whom is to be the secretary, which is an examining board. This committee conducts examinations at the June session of the association, when candidates for certificates as expert judges present themselves. The candidate must show "satisfactory proofs of his ability and proper conduct and fitness for the duties of judge." The examinations are the scoring of animals with the score cards of the association. The favorable vote of four members of the examining committee entitles the candidate to a certificate.

The Montana Registered Cattle Breeders' Association embraces a field of activity which can well be emulated by organizations in those sections of the country where animal husbandry is not fully developed. Its objects are—

> The improvement of cattle in the herds of the Northwest, the encouragement of better breeding, and the introduction of pure blood into the herds of the State.
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> To promote and aid county, district, and State exhibits by breeders, where friendly competition will lead not only to improvement among breeders who exhibit, but create interest among cattle breeders generally. * * *
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> To afford mutual protection and aid to breeders and to promote quarterly, semi-annual, or annual public sales of purebred cattle owned in Montana.

The introduction of purebred animals by means of organized effort to build up native stock is certainly a commendable feature. It has been used quite extensively during the past few years in the Northwest. Associations in the South could copy after those in that section and use their powers to encourage the introduction and use of purebred sires.

Integrity in breeding is a subject which receives all too little attention, and, since horsemen are generally accused of laxity in this respect, it is encouraging to note that the object of the Ohio Horse Breeders' Association, in addition to furthering the horse industry in the State, disseminating information, and instructing its members regarding the most approved methods, is "to protect importers, breeders, and purchasers of such horses against injury resulting from persons wrongfully claiming full-blooded and pedigreed animals and selling the same as such."

OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT.

The officers of these organizations are usually a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. The number of vice-presidents is governed by various conditions. The Illinois Live

Stock Breeders' Association has four vice-presidents, who are the presidents of the associations whose affiliation makes up this organization. The Missouri Live Stock Breeders' Association has one vice-president for each breed represented in its membership. The South Dakota Improved Live Stock and Poultry Breeders' Association has five vice-presidents, one for each class of stock—horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, and poultry. The duties of these officers are those that usually devolve on persons in such positions. In Missouri each vice-president is expected to have as his especial charge the advancement of the breed which he represents.

When not in session the affairs of these associations are usually managed by a board of directors or an executive committee. The president and secretary, and often all the officers, are generally ex officio members of the managing body.

In Illinois the executive committee of the Live Stock Breeders' Association is composed of the vice-presidents and secretaries of the affiliated associations. In Kansas there is a board of five directors, who, with the president and the secretary-treasurer, constitute the executive committee. In this State this committee is charged with the preparation of the programme for the annual meetings. In Louisiana the executive committee is composed of one member from each Congressional district and nine from the State at large. A similar provision is found in Minnesota. In Connecticut the Sheep Breeders' Association has eight directors, one from each county. With the officers (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) these constitute a board of managers. In Pennsylvania the executive committee is composed of the officers and five members, one each of the latter representing the interests of breeders of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs, and one representing poultry, goats, and pet stock. The Pennsylvania association also has committees on legislation and fairs. The legislative committee is made up of five members, and its duty is "to endeavor to secure legislation favorable to the live-stock interests of the State." The committee on fairs consists of three members, and recommends "to all fair associations uniform classifications for live-stock exhibitions; also the single expert-judge system, and the employment of judges indorsed by the association."

In the Montana Registered Cattle Breeders' Association the executive committee practically has entire control over the affairs of the organization.

By far the most important officer in these associations is the secretary, who may at the same time perform the duties of treasurer. This officer is really the executive head of the association and should be permanent. He is generally responsible for the preparation of the programs of the annual meetings, makes all the local arrangements for them, acts as press agent for the association, and edits the proceed-

ings of the annual meetings. He may also compile the State breeders' directory, collect statistics of live stock through his office, keep a directory of animals at stud and for sale, and, as in the case of the Hawaiian association, act as custodian of the herdbook. A capable man in this position can benefit the animal industry of his State to a large extent, and it behooves breeders to make careful selection.

In the Montana Registered Cattle Breeders' Association it is possible for a person not a member of the association to become secretary. All officers, with this exception and the board of directors, are chosen by the association in annual meeting. The board elects the secretary, who "may or may not be a member."

If any officer draws a salary it is usually the secretary, and the amount is generally fixed by the executive committee. The secretary of the Ohio Horse Breeders' Association receives his compensation from certain fees, as hereinafter noted.

The treasurer and sometimes the secretary also are required to give bond, the amount not being stated as a rule, this being settled upon by the executive committee.

The officers and members of the executive committee usually serve one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Where it is desirable to have an officer permanently in his position, such as the secretary, this is accomplished by reelection. The directors of the Connecticut Sheep Breeders' Association serve two years.

MEMBERSHIP.

The usual condition for membership is, broadly, that the prospective member be an owner or breeder of live stock. In those sections of the country where there is a rather high degree of improvement of domestic animals it is necessary for active members to be interested in purebred live stock, and in some cases that they be breeders. In localities where there is as yet comparatively little improvement of the native stock the only requirement in this respect is that the applicant for membership own some animals. In the majority of cases citizenship or residence in the State is required. In some instances partnerships and corporations are denied membership. The approval of the executive committee is frequently required, but in many cases this is merely nominal, the payment of the annual fee entitling persons to membership if other qualifications are met. As such organizations stand for honesty and integrity, good citizenship is usually specified. The membership of the Illinois Live Stock Breeders' Association is somewhat peculiar. It is made up of several associations of breeders of special classes of stock, whose membership in turn in the special associations constitutes them members of the general association. Actually, however, the general association takes members without requiring membership in an affiliated association as a prerequisite.

The Pennsylvania association provides for both active and associate members, the latter having no vote. The active members must be breeders of purebred live stock, while the associate members are persons "interested in improved live stock." By denying the voting privilege to associate members, this makes the association a bona fide breeders' organization. In the Ohio Horse Breeders' Association breeders and importers in Ohio may become active members, and "dealers" become subscribing members, having all the rights of active members except those of holding office or voting for officers or upon amendments to the constitution and by-laws.

In associations of this nature it is but natural to expect that the gravity of misrepresenting pedigrees is generally recognized and penalties provided for such offenses. It is usually required that specific charges be presented in such cases to the association through the secretary or the executive committee. A fair trial is given, and, if the defendant is found guilty (generally by a two-thirds vote), expulsion is the usual penalty. The trial may be held, after due notice, by the executive committee or before the entire association. In Hawaii the executive committee can try a member on the charge of misrepresenting pedigrees, or conduct endangering "the good order, welfare, and credit of the association," and a majority vote can convict. If the accused requests, however, this vote must be approved by a majority of the members of the association in regular annual meeting. In the Illinois Swine Breeders' Association the executive committee has the power to examine into a suspicious case and, if the facts warrant, suspend a member suspected of fraud, the entire case to be submitted later to the association. In North Dakota the executive committee may expel a member for "willful misrepresentation or dishonest or unfair dealing in connection with the sale of any registered live stock," a two-thirds vote of the members present being necessary to convict. A similar provision is found in the constitution of several other associations. In the Southern Live Stock Association failure to pay dues within six months of the time when they become payable forfeits membership. In the Iowa Corn and Hog Breeders' Association membership is forfeited if dues or assessments are not paid within thirty days after they become payable.

MEETINGS.

One annual meeting is usually all that is attempted. The place is usually a central one, preferably the State capital, the seat of the agricultural college, or a large market. In some States the location is different each year, the argument being made that by shifting the place of meeting the stockmen of all parts of the State come within the influence of the association. The time of meeting is adjusted so that farm work is not seriously interfered with. The week of the

State fair or of the meeting of the State board of agriculture or the agricultural society is a favorite time.

Special meetings are, of course, provided for in nearly all cases; and ample provision is made, as a rule, for the notification to each member of the time and place of all meetings.

REVENUE.

The income of these associations is usually maintained by membership fees and annual dues. The membership, entrance, or initiation fee is often made to take the place of the annual dues for the first year. The usual fee is $1 for both membership fee and annual dues. In some cases of special class associations these fees are each 50 cents. In the Montana Registered Cattle Breeders' Association the membership fee and annual dues are $5. In Hawaii the initiation fee of the Live Stock Breeders' Association is $25 and the annual dues $12. In Ohio fees for the privileges of the "Breeders' Record" and the "Sale Record" of the Horse Breeders' Association are the perquisite of the secretary in lieu of salary.

ABSTRACTS OF CONSTITUTIONS.

The following notes show the main features of the constitutions of the associations which responded to the Bureau's circular. By examining them it will readily be seen wherein they differ from each other and from those common to other parliamentary bodies.

General Live Stock Associations.

ALABAMA LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION.

Object.—To encourage the breeding of purebred live stock in Alabama.

Officers and management.—President, secretary, treasurer.

Membership.—New members recommended by a committee and voted upon by the entire body.

Meetings.—Annual; held in different sections of the State each year, so that influence may be as wide as possible.

Revenue.—Annual dues, $1.

CALIFORNIA LIVE-STOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—To encourage breeding of purebred stock, improve domestic animals, secure favorable legislation, foster agricultural education and the State fair, collect live-stock statistics, hold conventions, promote live-stock exhibitions, and foster the industry in general throughout the State of California.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a board of seven directors, of which the above-named officers are members ex officio.

It is the duty of the secretary "to keep a record of all meetings of the association; to receive all moneys and dues due the association; to pay the same over to the treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; to receive all applications for membership and refer same to the board of directors; to keep a list of members, with their residences, dates of joining, class of stock and families of same; to collect live-stock statistics; and he shall receive such compensation for his services as the board of directors may order."

The board of directors passes upon all applications for membership and has general supervision over the affairs of the association. All officers are elected at the annual meeting and hold offices for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Membership.—Residents of California engaged in improvement of live stock, editors of live-stock and agricultural journals, and experiment station officials "approved by the board of directors."

For "willful misrepresentation of any stock, or acts derogatory to the association," a member may be expelled, a two-thirds vote of members present at an annual meeting being necessary. Secretary notifies offending member of charges thirty days before annual meeting, at which he may appear and receive a hearing.

Meetings.—Annual meeting held at Sacramento on second Tuesday of State fair. Quorum, twenty-five members. Notifications of annual meeting are sent to each member by secretary ten days previous thereto. On request of ten members the president shall call a special meeting. Board of directors meets "at such times and places as may be necessary to transact the business of the association."

Quorum.—Majority of board.

Revenue.—Annual dues are $3 per member. Members in arrears for one year forfeit membership.

HAWAIIAN LIVE-STOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—The development of the live-stock industry in the Islands.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee of nine, of which the officers are members ex officio.

In addition to the usual duties of such officer the secretary is the custodian and editor of the herdbook. A record of transfers of animals is kept. The secretary's salary is fixed by the executive committee.

The members of the executive committee must be members of the association interested in the live-stock industry. They are elected at an annual meeting by majority vote, and hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. This committee is empowered "to direct all the affairs of the association." It also passes upon applications for membership.

Membership.—Residents of the Territory owning or breeding live stock or otherwise interested in the industry, who are of good moral character, recommended by three members of the association, receiving the approval of the executive committee, and receiving not more than two negative votes from the association, may become members on payment of entrance fee and one year's dues. Partnerships and corporations may hold memberships. Persons who have rendered valuable services to the industry or to the association may be elected to honorary membership by a unanimous vote of the members present at a regularly called meeting. Members receive a copy of the herdbook free of charge.

Charges of misrepresentation, deception, or fraud in relation to the registration of animals in the herdbook, infraction of the by-laws of the association, or acts prejudicial to its good order, welfare, and credit, are investigated by the executive committee. If founded on fact the offending member is given a fair trial before the executive committee and, if found guilty by a majority of the committee, is expelled from the association. An appeal may be taken to the association at a regular annual meeting, a majority vote being necessary to sustain the action of the executive committee in expelling the offender.

Meetings.—The regular annual meeting of the association is held in October or November, at Honolulu and Hilo, alternately, the president fixing the exact date and place of meeting. The secretary gives thirty days' written notice of the annual meeting to all members. Special meetings may be held as the president may direct, or upon call of the secretary at the request of one-eighth of the members of the asso-

ciation. One-fourth of the members, in person or represented by proxies, constitute a quorum.

The executive committee meets as directed by the president or upon call of the secretary at the request of three of its members. Four members constitute a quorum.

Revenue.—Entrance fee of members, $25; annual dues, $12. Fees from herdbook: Registration, to members $1, to nonmembers $2; certificate of transfer, if same is reported within six months of date of sale, free to members, to nonmembers 50 cents, if reported after six months from date of sale 50 cents to all; extended pedigrees, $1. The herdbook as a publication is not a source of revenue. It is supplied to members of the association free, and to other persons at a nominal rate to cover cost of publication and postage.

Miscellaneous.—Herdbook. This association occupies a unique position among organizations of this kind in that it publishes a herdbook, in which may be registered purebred animals of all classes in the Territory. The rules are interesting. The herdbook shall be published at intervals of not less than three years. Applications for entry must be filled out on blanks furnished by the secretary. They must state the sex, color, and markings, date of birth, names, and herdbook numbers of sire and dam, names of owners of sire and dam, name and address of first owner, and signature and address of breeder and owner at the time of making application for entry. Each entry gives the number of the animal recorded, color, sex, date of birth, name and address of breeder and first owner, name and number of sire and dam, and an extension of pedigree if approved by the executive committee. No plates, engravings, or publications of the records of animals may appear in the herdbook. Descent from registered sires and dams is required, or, in the case of animals imported prior to the organization of the association, evidence that the animals were entitled to registration in the country from which they were imported. Transfers must be reported to the secretary. Application for entry or transfer must be accompanied by the prescribed fees.

ILLINOIS LIVE-STOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Promotion of interests of breeders of live stock in Illinois.

Officers and management.—President, five vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee of ten. The vice-presidents are the presidents of the affiliated associations, and the members of the executive committee are the vice-presidents and secretaries of these organizations. The officers and members of the executive committee serve one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Membership.—Five affiliated State associations of breeders of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, and poultry.

Meetings.—Annual; time fixed either by association or executive committee.

KANSAS IMPROVED LIVE-STOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—"To promote the interests of the various improved breeds of live stock in Kansas."

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and a board of five directors, who, with the president and secretary-treasurer, constitute the executive committee. Officers are elected at each annual meeting.

In addition to the customary duties of that officer, the secretary keeps a list of members, their addresses, and class of stock bred by them, which is published in the proceedings of the association.

The executive committee prepares the programs for the annual meetings and furnishes a copy of the same to each member thirty days before the meeting. They "also provide for the publication of the annual reports and have general supervision of the business affairs of the association."

Membership.—"Any person interested in the improved breeds of live stock may become a member" on the payment of the annual fees.

Meetings.—Held annually at Topeka on the second Tuesday in January at 10 o'clock a. m.

Revenue.—Membership fee, $1, which includes annual dues for the first year; annual dues, $1.

LOUISIANA STOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—"To increase the excellence and provide for the preservation and dissemination in their purity of the different breeds of improved live stock of all kinds."

Officers and management.—President, five vice-presidents, and an executive committee of 15 members. The executive committee is composed of one member from each Congressional district and nine from the State at large. The officers are elected at each annual meeting and hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Membership.—Any citizen of the State interested in the development of its live stock, recommended by the executive committee, may become a member on payment of the entrance fee.

Meetings.—Annual; time and place as directed by executive committee. At a meeting of the executive committee five members constitute a quorum.

Revenue.—Entrance fee, $1; annual dues, $1.

Miscellaneous.—The association may divide itself into branch organizations devoted to special classes of stock, holding separate meetings under the auspices and in connection with the general association.

MASSACHUSETTS FARMERS AND CATTLE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Promotion of the interests of farmers in Massachusetts.

Officers and management.—President, two vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee of fourteen, one from each county in the State. The officers are members ex officio of the executive committee.

The president determines the exact date of the annual meeting.

Membership.—Persons over twenty years of age engaged in farming or similar occupations may become members by making application to the secretary and paying the prescribed fees. Memberships are annual or life.

Meetings.—The annual meeting is held in January. There may be special meetings. The secretary sends notices of meetings to members at least five days in advance.

Fifteen members constitute a quorum for all meetings of the association; five for those of the executive committee.

Revenue.—Annual dues, $1; life memberships, $5, which exempt members from annual dues.

Miscellaneous.—Amendments to the constitution may be made by the majority vote of the members present and voting at any meeting, but notice of the amendment must have been submitted when the call for the meeting was issued.

MISSOURI IMPROVED LIVE STOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Encouragement of breeding of improved live stock, mutual benefit, and dissemination of information among breeders, farmers, and feeders.

Officers and management.—President, several vice-presidents, secretary, and an executive committee composed of the president, secretary, and three other members.

There is one vice-president for each breed represented in the membership of the association. Each vice-president has as his special charge the interests of the breed which he represents. The secretary is treasurer ex officio.

The executive committee has charge of all the business affairs of the association, selects the time and place for the annual meeting, acts as an auditing committee of

the books and accounts of the secretary-treasurer, arranges the program for the annual meeting, and publishes the same at least four weeks in advance of the meeting. The officers are elected by ballot at each annual meeting and serve until their successors are elected and qualified. The members of the executive committee in addition to the president and secretary are appointed by the president.

Membership.—Application to secretary will enroll persons as members.

Meetings.—Annual, at such times and places as decided upon by executive committee.

Revenue.—No fees or dues unless ordered by majority vote of members present at an annual meeting.

SOUTHERN LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION.

Object.—To guard and promote the live-stock interests of the South by an organization of the persons engaged in the industry for mutual protection and benefit and to cultivate a more fraternal feeling among stockmen generally.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and an executive committee of seven, of which the president and secretary-treasurer are members ex officio.

The secretary-treasurer gives a bond of $250.

The officers are elected for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

The executive committee has control of all the business of the association except when the same is in session. It has power to appoint inspectors, agents, and representatives and a secretary if necessary. It fixes the salaries of officers and employees of the association. It audits the association's accounts and executes all business within the power of the association. Its action is binding on the association.

Membership.—Any person engaged in raising or dealing in live stock is eligible to membership. Applications are made on blanks furnished by the secretary; the applicant must be recommended by one member in good standing and must accompany his application with an entrance fee of $1. The application must meet with the approval of the entire association at the succeeding annual meeting.

Failure to pay dues or assessments in whole or in part for six months subjects the delinquent to forfeiture of membership.

Meetings.—Annual meeting of the association on the first Monday in May of each year. The time and place of the next meeting is fixed by the association at this time.

The executive committee meets immediately after appointment and confirmation and holds other meetings on call of the chairman. Three members constitute a quorum, but their action may be rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the entire committee.

NORTH DAKOTA LIVE-STOCK ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Advancement of live-stock interest and improvement of live stock in the State.

Officers and management.—President, first and second vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee consisting of the officers and four other members.

In addition to the usual duties the secretary publishes the proceedings of the association annually. The treasurer gives a bond in such sum as is named by the executive committee.

"The executive committee is authorized and empowered to conduct the business of the association." It may enact measures and appropriate the funds of the association not to exceed 50 per cent of the amount on hand at any time for any one purpose. The committee can appoint subordinate committees and fill vacancies among the officers. It can also pass upon applications for membership from nonresident breeders.

At each meeting of the executive committee an auditing committee of three is appointed to examine bills against the association and the books of the secretary and treasurer.

Membership.—All farmers and citizens of North Dakota interested in live stock are eligible. Nonresident breeders desiring membership may be elected by vote of the executive committee.

A member "charged with willful misrepresentation or dishonest or unfair dealing in connection with the sale of any registered live stock" is given a hearing before the executive committee, and, if found guilty by a two-thirds vote of the members present, may be expelled from the association. A full report of the trial and findings is made a part of the permanent records and reported at the succeeding annual meeting.

Meetings.—Annual meeting held during January or February as designated by the executive committee, thirty days' notice being given by the secretary.

The president may call special meetings, but in such cases the secretary shall give at least twenty days' notice of their time, place, and purpose.

Revenue.—Entrance fee, $1; annual dues, $1.

Miscellaneous.—An auditing committee of three is appointed at each meeting of the executive committee to audit bills against the association and examine the books of the secretary and treasurer. Their report to the secretary is spread upon the records of the association.

OHIO LIVE-STOCK ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Educational, economic, legislative, sanitary; to hold at least one meeting annually, where addresses of an educational nature shall be given by authorities invited by the officers of the association.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and an executive committee consisting of the president, secretary-treasurer, and three other members of the association. The officers are elected annually, by ballot or by means of a nominating committee, as the association desires.

The secretary, in addition to the usual duties of such an officer, prepares the programs of the annual meeting, with the approval of the executive committee, and is required to publish its proceedings in pamphlet form. He is also authorized to employ clerical assistance.

The executive committee is an advisory board and issues the call for the anuual meeting. Its three members, in addition to the two officers, are elected annually and represent different classes of stock.

Membership.—Reputable citizens of Ohio may become members on payment of the annual dues. Honorary memberships may be voted by the association. Such memberships hold for three years, but may be continued by the association.

Meetings.—Annual, generally in January.

Revenue.—Annual dues, 50 cents.

OREGON LIVE-STOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Social, educational, economic, sanitary.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, who constitute the executive committee.

The executive committee has the general management of the association under the authority of the association.

Officers are elected by ballot at the annual meeting and hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Membership.—All persons interested in breeding and raising live stock may become members on payment of the annual dues.

Meetings.—Annual.

PENNSYLVANIA LIVE-STOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—To encourage and advance the live-stock interests of Pennsylvania.

Officers and management.—President, two vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer, who, with five additional members, constitute the executive committee. These five additional members represent the interests of breeders of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, goats, and pet stock. There is a legislative committee of five members, a committee of three on fairs, and a committee of five on transportation. Expert judges are elected at each annual meeting and recommended to the fair associations of the State.

All officers are elected annually.

The legislative committee endeavors "to secure legislation favorable to the live-stock interests of the State."

The committee on fairs recommends "to all fair associations uniform classifications for live-stock exhibitions;" also the single-judge system and the employment of the judges indorsed by the association.

The committee on transportation attends "to all matters relating to passenger and live-stock transportation."

An auditing committee is appointed by the president at each annual meeting.

Membership.—Reputable breeders of purebred live stock in Pennsylvania may become active members on payment of the annual dues.

Persons interested in improved stock and in sympathy with the association may become associate members on payment of the annual dues. They are not allowed to vote.

Meetings.—Held annually, beginning on Wednesday of the second week in December. The use of proxies is not permitted.

Revenue.—Annual dues, $1, payable on or before the date of the annual meeting.

SOUTH DAKOTA IMPROVED LIVE-STOCK AND POULTRY BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—"To promote the interests of all classes of pure-blooded live stock and poultry in the State."

Officers and management.—President, five vice-presidents, and secretary-treasurer, who constitute the board of directors. The board of directors decides the date and place of the annual meeting, has power to try a member accused of misrepresentation of pedigrees or other misconduct, and is the governing body of the association. It may appoint subcommittees when necessary.

The vice-presidents represent different classes of stock.

In addition to the usual duties of that officer, the secretary-treasurer publishes a directory of the breeders who are members of the association.

At each annual meeting the president appoints an auditing committee of three to examine the books and reports of the secretary-treasurer.

The officers are elected at an annual meeting and serve for one year or until their successors are elected.

Membership.—No qualifications except payment of an entrance fee and the annual dues after the 1st of January succeeding the date of joining the association.

A member charged with "willful misrepresentation or dishonest or unfair dealing in connection with the sale of registered live stock or poultry" is given a fair trial before the board of directors, and may be expelled if a majority of its members vote "guilty."

Meetings.—Annual.

Revenue.—Entrance fee, $1; annual dues, $1.

SPECIAL CLASS ASSOCIATIONS.

CONNECTICUT SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Encouragement of sheep and Angora goat industry in Connecticut, improvement of breeds, and securing legislation favorable to these industries.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, to be elected annually. Eight directors, one from each county, four elected annually by rotation, to serve two years each. The president, vice-president, treasurer, and directors constitute the board of managers.

The secretary is appointed annually by the board of managers. In addition to the usual duties of that officer, he receives the fees of members, paying them over to the treasurer, taking his receipt, issues the call for the meetings, and collects information.

Except when the association is in session its affairs are conducted by the board of managers. The board may call special meetings for business or other purposes at their discretion, may present or amend by-laws for the guidance of the association, and elects the secretary. Amendments to the constitution, however, can be made only by the association as a whole.

At the annual meeting of the association an auditing committee of two is appointed by the president to examine the books of the secretary and treasurer.

Membership.—Qualifications not specifically stated.

Meetings.—The association holds an annual meeting at a time and place designated by the board of managers. Special meetings may be called by the board of managers or on call of the president and secretary at the request of ten members.

Seven days' notice of all meetings is given members by the secretary.

The board of managers meets semiannually on the third Wednesday of March and September, in Hartford, unless otherwise ordered. Special meetings may be called by the president and secretary at the request of three members of the board.

Four members of the board of managers constitute a quorum.

Revenue.—Annual dues, 50 cents.

ILLINOIS HORSE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—To hold annual meetings for the discussion of the breeding, handling, and marketing of horses and the general welfare of the industry.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. These officers, with five additional members, constitute the executive committee.

The executive committee conducts the affairs of the association during the interval between annual meetings and passes upon questions of membership and expulsion.

Membership.—Reputable citizens of Illinois engaged in the horse industry.

Meetings.—Annual meetings held at such times and places as are designated by the executive committee. Thirty days' notice is given members.

The executive committee meets on call of four or more of its members; a majority of the committee constitutes a quorum.

Revenue.—Membership fee, $1, which covers the first year's dues; annual dues thereafter, $1.

ILLINOIS CATTLE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Improvement of cattle industry in Illinois.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, which officers, with three additional members, constitue the executive committee.

In addition to the usual duties of that officer, the secretary is empowered to print the proceedings of the association annually.

Membership.—Reputable citizens of Illinois engaged in the cattle industry.

Meetings.—Annual.

Revenue.—Membership fee, $1; annual dues, $1.

ILLINOIS SWINE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—To hold an annual meeeting for the discussion of subjects relating to the breeding and feeding of swine and the holding of exhibitions.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, which officers, with five additional members, constitute the executive committee.

The officers hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

The members of the executive committee are elected by ballot at the annual meeting. This committee has power to manage the affairs of the association during the intervals between annual meetings, select the time and place for the annual meeting, fill vacancies among the offices in the interim, pass upon applicants for membership, and suspend members charged with fraud, if the facts justify such action.

Membership.—Reputable citizens of Illinois engaged in the swine industry and approved by the executive committee.

If a member is charged with willful misrepresentation of any animal owned or bred by him, or with an act derogatory to the standing of the association, the executive committee examines into the charges and suspends the offending member if there is sufficient evidence against him. The case is presented to the entire association at the next annual meeting, and if two-thirds of the members vote guilty the offender is expelled from the association.

Meetings.—Time and place of annual meeting selected by executive committee, thirty days' notice being given members. Members may vote by proxy.

The executive committee meets on the call of four members. A majority of the whole committee constitutes a quorum.

Revenue.—Annual dues, $1.

ILLINOIS SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Improvement of sheep industry in Illinois.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee of seven, including the officers.

Membership.—Reputable citizens of Illinois interested in the sheep industry.

Meetings.—Annual.

Revenue.—Membership fee, $1; annual dues, $1.

IOWA CORN AND HOG BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—"To promote the general interest of the swine breeders of the State of Iowa, and to improve and perfect, by the use of the score card and standard of excellence of each breed, the system of judging swine," and the improvement of corn in the State.

Officers and management.—President, two vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee composed of the president, the secretary, and three other members elected by the association.

The executive committee has power to make assessments, no assessment to exceed the admission fee for one year. It also selects the date of the June meeting.

All officers serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

The association has a standing committee of five, who, with the secretary, constitute a committee on instruction for the examination of persons desiring to qualify as expert judges of swine. The committee examines the candidates by the use of the score cards of the association applied to the actual scoring of animals on foot. The favorable report of four members of the examining committee must be obtained before an applicant is recommended for a certificate.

Membership.—Any breeder of hogs may become a member on payment of the entrance fee. Honorary members may be elected by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the fall meeting.

Failure to pay assessments or dues within thirty days after notice forfeits membership.

Meetings.—Two meetings are held annually at Des Moines, one on Wednesday of State fair week, at which officers and members of the executive committee are elected and matters of interest to exhibitors of hogs discussed; the other between the 1st and 15th of June, when the members of the committee on instruction are selected, candidates for certificates examined, and general business conducted.

Revenue.—Admission fee, $1; annual dues, 25 cents; assessments by executive committee not to exceed $1 per year.

MINNESOTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—To advance sheep husbandry in Minnesota.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and an executive committee of seven members.

The secretary publishes the proceedings of each annual meeting and mails a copy to each member of the association.

The executive committee has general supervision over the affairs of the association, has power to fill vacancies among the officers as they occur, and may try and expel, if guilty, a member charged with fraud.

Previous to each annual meeting the president appoints an auditing committee of two to examine the books and accounts of the association and report at the annual meeting.

Membership.—Citizens of Minnesota interested in sheep husbandry.

A member accused of "willful misrepresentation or dishonest or unfair dealing in connection with sheep husbandry" is tried by the executive committee and expelled if found guilty by two-thirds of the members present.

Meetings.—Annual meeting held on the second day of the annual meeting of the State agricultural society at St. Paul, the exact time and place being decided by the president.

Special meetings may be called by the president, but in such case the secretary must give the members thirty days' notice, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

Revenue.—Membership fee, 50 cents; annual dues, 50 cents.

Miscellaneous.—The constitution requires that amendments to the constitution and by-laws must be submitted in writing to the secretary, who makes copies and sends one to each member thirty days before the annual meeting at which action thereon is to be taken.

MINNESOTA SWINE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Improvement of swine industry in Minnesota.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee of seven members, one from each Congressional district in the State.

The secretary publishes annually the proceedings of the annual meeting and sends a copy to each member.

The treasurer is required to give bond, before entering on the duties of his office, in such sum as may be named by the executive committee.

The executive committee exercises a general supervision over the affairs of the association, appoints subordinate committees, fills vacancies among the offices, and tries members accused of fraud.

Officers and members of the executive committee are elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

The books and accounts of the association are audited at each annual meeting by a committee of three appointed by the president before the meeting.

Membership.—Reputable citizens of Minnesota interested in live stock.

A member "charged with willful misrepresentation or dishonest or unfair dealing" may be tried by the executive committee and, if found guilty by two-thirds of the members present, expelled from the association.

Meetings.—Annual meeting held at St. Paul at 8 p. m. on the day of the meeting of the State agricultural society. The exact place is designated by the president, which officer also gives notice of the time and place of the meeting thirty days in advance thereof.

Special meetings may be called by the president, but thirty days' notice of the time, place, and purpose shall be given by the secretary.

Revenue.—Membership fee, including annual dues for the first year, 50 cents; annual dues, 50 cents.

Miscellaneous.—Amendments to the constitution and by-laws must be submitted in writing to the secretary and copies made and sent to each member by that officer at least thirty days before the annual meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

MONTANA REGISTERED CATTLE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Improvement of cattle in the Northwest, the encouragement of better breeding, the introduction of purebred stock into the State, the promotion of county, State, and district exhibitions of live stock, mutual protection of breeders, the promotion of sales of purebred cattle, and the detection of fraud.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a board of five directors. The secretary may not be a member of the association.

The secretary is not permitted to buy or sell cattle on commission nor to be interested in the sale of cattle by others except as the board of directors permits.

Both the secretary and treasurer are required to give bond, the amount being fixed by the board of directors.

The board of directors numbers five and is elected at the annual meeting of the association. The board has charge of all the business and property of the association and may employ assistance to carry on the work of the association. It exercises a general supervision over the welfare of the purebred cattle interests of the State and may expel members for fraud and misconduct.

The officers and directors receive their necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of the business of the association, but no compensation for their services.

Membership.—Membership may be personal, by firms, or corporations. To become members persons must be reputable owners of purebred cattle residing in Montana and approved by the board of directors, of which approval the applicant is notified by the secretary.

Any member who is deemed "guilty of a violation of the rules of the association, or who may be deemed guilty of any act that will tend to injure the interests of purebred cattle or the breeders thereof," may be expelled by the board of directors after a fair trial.

Meetings.—Annual, the time and place being decided by the board of directors. The board selects a date and place at least thirty days in advance of the meeting and notifies the secretary, who in turn must notify all members of the association within ten days of the receipt of notice from the board.

No member may vote at an annual meeting if his membership fee is unpaid.

The board of directors holds an annual meeting immediately after the annual meeting of the association, a majority of the board deciding upon the place of meeting. Special meetings of the board may be held at the request of a majority of the association, a majority of the board, or at the call of the president. A majority of the board constitutes a quorum. In case a special meeting is called the members of the board are given sufficient notice to enable them to reach the place of meeting conveniently.

Revenue.—Initiation fee, $5, which is also the annual membership fee.

Miscellaneous.—The constitution of this association urges its members to extend by all legitimate means the use of purebred cattle in Montana, to check fraud in the sale of such animals, both among its own members and among those of recognized purebred record associations.

OHIO HORSE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—To promote the horse industry in Ohio, to protect importers, breeders, and purchasers against fraud, to educate the public engaged in the horse business, and to benefit the members of the association.

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee of five, of which the president and secretary are members ex officio.

The president and secretary prepare the programs for the annual meetings and designate the dates of the regular meetings.

In addition to the usual duties of that officer, the secretary publishes the proceedings of the association and is the custodian of the "Breeders' Record" and the "Sale Record." His salary is obtained from fees for registration of stock in these records.

Officers are elected at the January meetings.

Membership.—Reputable persons residing in Ohio and engaged in the importation or breeding of horses may, upon recommendation of one member of the association in good standing, become active members of the association upon payment of a fee of $1 to the secretary. Residents of Ohio who are dealers in horses, although not breeders or importers, may become subscribing members when recommended by a member in good standing. Subscribing members have all the rights and privileges of active members except holding office or voting for officers or upon the adoption of amendments to the constitution and by-laws.

Meetings.—Two meetings annually, in Columbus, one in January and the other during the State fair on the day preceding the opening of the annual convention of the State board of agriculture.

Special meetings may also be held.

Meetings are subject to the call of the president, which is issued to the members through the secretary.

Revenue.—Annual dues, $1; registration of horses in the "Breeders' Record" or the "Sale Record," 25 cents per head in each record; inspection of these records by nonmembers, 50 cents; registration of sale of animals, 25 cents each.

Miscellaneous.—Registration of horses in the "Breeders' Record" or "Sale Record" is open only to members of the association.

Registration in the "Breeders' Record" shows the name and address of the owner and the name, age, sex, breed, description, and registry number of the animal. If not registered, but eligible, the book in which the animal is eligible to registry is stated and the reasons for claiming eligibility. If desired, the service fees of stallions are inserted.

Horses registered in the "Sale Record" may show the following data: Name and address of owner, name, age, sex, breed, price, and terms of sale.

Only members are allowed the privilege of registration, and the records are open to their inspection at any time. Prospective breeders and purchasers may be allowed the privilege of inspection by paying the prescribed fee.

PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATIONS.

The protective stock breeders' associations are nearly all located west of the one hundredth meridian of longitude, in that section of the country generally termed "the range." They differ in their objects from those which are purely educational, and they are generally more highly organized.

Object.—While many, if not all, combine the educational feature to a certain extent, holding annual meetings at which subjects concerning the industry are presented and discussed from an educational standpoint, the prime motives for their existence is the capture, prosecution, and punishment of stock thieves, the return of strays, mutual protection against common enemies, the enactment of judicious legislation, and the prevention and extermination of disease. The fight

against thieves has been energetically carried on ever since organizations appeared in the range country, and it is still maintained. Other branches of effort are no less vigorously prosecuted. Not only are members severely punished for criminal acts of this character, but the energies of the association are extended much further and offenders are brought into custody largely through the detective work of association members and officials. In Texas members under arrest for stealing are suspended pending trial, and members going bail for a person accused of stealing or other offenses of a similar nature, not members of the association, may be expelled.

The offenses mentioned for which expulsion is the penalty are "stealing, taking, and driving away" from the rightful owner, "marking, branding, killing, driving, milking, or in any way using or appropriating any cattle" belonging to another without the consent of the owner. The Southeastern Stock Growers' Association[a] includes "cutting fences or firing ranges or altering the brands of others."

The classes of stock which are protected depend upon local conditions. Barring the sheep and wool growers' associations, the sheep breeder is usually left to take care of himself, and generally hogs are not mentioned. The Southeastern, however, includes this class, and the Northwestern Stock Growers' Association extends protection to the sheep raiser.

The associations of sheep breeders and wool growers have for their primary object the protection of the industry against the hostility of the cattlemen. The Utah Wool Growers' Association carries this to such an extent that provisions are made in its constitution for the support of its members in litigation by the funds of the association.

Sanitary work is frequently a prominent feature. Inspectors are employed in cooperation with the State live stock and sanitary boards to assist in the extermination of disease.

Officers and management.—The executive conduct of protective associations does not differ materially from the purely educational ones, except that it is more systematically organized. The Colorado Cattle and Horse Growers' Association divides the State into ten districts, and each district is given one representative on the executive committee, the secretary being a member of the committee at large and the other officers representatives ex officio of their respective districts. The number of members of this committee varies from five in the case of the North Montana Wool Growers' Association to a possible seventy-five in the Montana Stock Growers' Association.

In the Montana Stock Growers' and the Arizona associations repre-

[a] This association is an organization of the stockmen of Florida, Georgia, and Alabama along the lines of the range associations. Its first meeting was held in Jacksonville, Fla., March 22 and 23, 1904. It will be interesting to note the results of Western methods applied under conditions in the Southeast.

sentation on the executive committee is by counties, in addition to the officers. In Montana provision is made for representation of districts outside the boundaries of the State.

The Utah Wool Growers' Association has, in addition to the official vice-president, one vice-president from each county in the State.

The secretary, or secretary-treasurer when the two offices are combined, keeps an official record of the names and addresses of the members, the officers of companies in which they hold stock, or the members of firms in which they are partners. He keeps a complete record of the brands and marks used by members and generally the number of stock owned by each, and is in close touch with all phases of the live-stock industry in the State.

The term of office is usually one year, and both officers and members of the executive committee are generally elected by the association. In Texas, however, the executive committee of the Cattle Raisers' Association is appointed by the president and confirmed by the association, provision being made against its becoming a permanent body, by a requirement that at least four members be retired annually. Officers may be reelected, but in this association the same person can not hold the office of president or vice-president more than two terms in succession.

Committees on membership and arbitration are frequently provided for.

Membership.—Membership in the association is usually confined to persons owning or controlling stock within the State. In Texas and Oklahoma applicants must be eighteen years of age, and in the Oklahoma Live Stock Association they must control or own at least twenty-five head of cattle.

Applicants must be recommended by one or more members of the association or of the executive committee, must deposit a stipulated entrance fee at the time of making application, and often must be approved both by a membership committee and the executive committee before their applications are voted upon by the association.

Persons becoming members are required to exercise vigilance in the detection of thieves and miscreants, and bind themselves and their employees to maintain good order. Reprehensible conduct is severely punished, and in some associations the arrest of a member for stealing stock or committing acts detrimental to the welfare of the industry is ground for suspension by the executive committee. Stealing, driving away of stock, altering brands, etc., is punished by expulsion. A majority vote of guilty is generally required. Divulging the proceedings of the association is punished by expulsion in many cases. In the Texas association there are three grades of punishment—expulsion, suspension, and reprehension—the jury first deciding the guilt of the accused and afterwards fixing the punishment. The accused

may, however, appeal to the association. In this organization the executive committee acts as jury; charges are first presented to the executive committee and investigated before trial is ordered. If the committee does not deem the charges sufficient, the person bringing them before it may present them to the association for its action.

Meetings.—Regular meetings of the associations are generally held annually at a stated place and time. There may be special meetings as necessary, and the executive committee meets as necessity requires or at stated times.

Revenue.—The revenue of these associations is necessarily quite large. The entrance fees vary from $1 to $10 and the annual dues from $1 to $5. There are also provisions for assessments on the basis of the stock owned by the members. This is based finally on the county assessors' returns, these being used as a check on the returns made by the members to the secretary. The maximum rate varies from 1 cent per head on 70 per cent of all stock owned by members in the case of the Montana association to 2½ cents per head in the Nebraska association and 3 cents per head on cattle in the western South Dakota association. Sheep are assessed either per head or per 1,000, the rate of the Northwestern association being 2 mills per head and that of the Utah wool growers' $1 per 1,000 head. The Colorado Cattle and Horse Growers' Association assesses lamb feeders at the rate of 2 cents for each 8 head of lambs. This organization also receives about $30,000 annually from a State tax levy.

ABSTRACTS OF CONSTITUTIONS.

The following abstracts show in detail for several organizations the general facts presented in the foregoing discussion:

COLORADO CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—The protection and promotion of the interests of the cattle and horse growers and sheep feeders of Colorado, the enforcement of the live-stock laws of the State, and the "best possible protection for the live stock owned by its members."

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, an executive committee of 11, and a board of control of 3. The president, vice-president, and treasurer are members ex officio of the executive committee from the district of the State in which they reside or hold membership in local affiliated associations. The secretary is ex officio a member of the executive committee from the State at large; he is also ex officio 1 of the 3 members of the board of control.

The secretary has power to contract for material and necessary services. His request for such, countersigned by the president, is an order on the treasurer.

The executive committee has all the powers of general management of the association not otherwise delegated. It makes assessments, may redistrict the State, decides to which district each local affiliated association should be assigned, fixes the time and place for the annual convention of the association, and fills vacancies occurring among the officers. The individual members have supervision of the affairs of the association in the districts which they represent and are consulted by the secretary on all matters pertaining to their districts.

The board of control may call meetings of the entire executive committee and acts for it "in ordinary matters." It is responsible to that body.

The officers are elected by the delegates to the annual convention and serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. Members of the executive committee also serve one year.

The manner of selecting members of the executive committee is somewhat complicated. The State is divided into ten executive districts, along natural geographical lines, and each district is entitled to one representative on the executive committee. Delegates to the annual meeting are chosen by the local affiliated associations on the basis of 1 delegate for each 10 members of such local association, or fraction thereof over 5, and 1 additional "for each 2,000 head of stock or fraction thereof over 1,000, reported for assessment at the last assessment previous to said meeting" by members of the local association. In making this ratio cattle and horses are used as the basis, and the number of sheep equivalent to horses or cattle estimated in the proportion of 8 head of sheep to 1 of horses or cattle. When the annual convention meets the delegates from each district meet in caucus under the rules governing the entire convention and nominate one of their number to represent the district on the executive committee. These nominations are indorsed by the convention. If the delegates from any district can not agree on a member of the executive committee, the convention elects him. However, those districts in which the president, vice-president, and treasurer reside or hold membership do not choose a member of the executive committee, the election to one of these offices carrying with it the election to the executive committee. As the nominees in caucus of members of the executive committee are not presented to the convention until after the annual election of officers, no confusion results from this arrangement.

The board of control is chosen annually by the executive committee from among its members at its first meeting.

At each annual convention the president appoints a committee of three delegates to audit the books of the secretary and treasurer.

Membership.—Composed of twenty-nine local associations of cattle and horse growers in Colorado and the Fort Collins and Weld County Sheep Feeders' Association. Other associations whose members are engaged strictly in feeding sheep or lambs for market may become members, but those composed of persons "running sheep on the public range" are barred.

Application for membership must be accompanied with the initiation fee of $10, and assessments must be paid up to maintain membership in good standing.

Members of the local associations are regarded as members of the general association and entitled to its benefits and privileges unless the local associations are in arrears in dues or assessments.

Meetings.—Annual convention under the regulations specified above.

Revenue.—Initiation fee, $10 for each local association, payable on application for membership. Assessments levied as follows: On January 1 of each year the general secretary calls upon the secretaries of local associations to report the number of cattle, horses, and lambs owned by its members, which information must be returned not later than March 1 following. The executive committee assesses the local associations at a rate not to exceed 2 cents per head for cattle and horses and 2 cents for each eight lambs represented by the local memberships.

A State tax levy, yielding about $30,000 annually.

SOUTHEASTERN STOCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

This association has a constitution organized along the lines of that group of range associations of which the Montana Stock Growers' Association is typical.[a] The

[a] It will be noticed, however, that it contains many educational features which are lacking in the range associations.

reader should refer to the discussion of the latter and note the exceptions. Among these are the following:

Object.—"To advance the interests of the stock growers of the Southeast, and for the protection of the same against fraud and swindlers, and to prevent the stealing, taking, and driving away of cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, mules, and asses from the rightful owners thereof; to assist in the enactment of just laws for stock breeders, and to encourage the improvement of stock by the introduction of the best breeds, and to inculcate correct principles of breeding, the promotion of closer mutual acquaintance and more friendly intercourse among ourselves and those who may hereafter become parties hereto, and to enforce the stock laws of Florida and the adjoining States."

Officers and management.—Three vice-presidents, one each from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. The offices of secretary and treasurer are separate, and the executive committee numbers fifteen.

Any of the vice-presidents may act as president in the absence of that officer.

No officers are bonded, none receive compensation, and there is no provision for them to employ assistance.

There are no provisions for the representation of new counties on the executive committee.

There is no committee on resolutions.

Membership.—"All persons who are interested in the breeding and raising of live stock" may become members. It is not necessary to have applicants vouched for. The application is referred to a membership committee of three members of the association and the secretary. If their action is favorable, it is referred to the executive committee, whose action is final.

Information regarding number of stock owned or controlled by applicants, names of members of firms and officers of companies, etc., is not required in this association.

"Cutting fences, or firing ranges, or altering the brands of others" are included among the offenses of which members are required to notify the executive committee for investigation and subsequent prosecution.

Meetings.—The annual meeting is held on the second Tuesday in November at 1 o'clock p. m.

Eleven members constitute a quorum of the association at all meetings; a quorum of the executive committee is three members, of which one must always be the secretary.

Revenue.—Admission fee, $1; annual dues, $5. No assessments.

MONTANA STOCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—"To advance the interests of the stock growers of Montana and adjoining States and Territories, and for the protection of the same against fraud and swindlers, and to prevent the stealing, taking, and driving away of cattle, horses, mules, and asses from the rightful owners thereof, and to enforce the stock laws of the State of Montana."

Officers and management.—President, two vice-presidents, a secretary-treasurer, and an executive committee, of which the officers are members ex officio. There are seventy-one members of the executive committee, elected by counties, according to a prescribed allotment, and including one each from Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, and the Northwest Territory. The county representation in Montana ranges from one to five members each, and representation from new counties, as they are created, is provided for.

In the absence of the president the first vice-president performs his duties; and if both are absent, the second vice-president presides. If all these officers are absent, a president pro tempore is elected.

In addition to the usual duties of the office, the secretary-treasurer keeps a record of brands and collects other information as it may be furnished by the members.

He is also secretary of the executive committee. He is required to give bond with sureties, as the executive committee may determine, and his salary is fixed by that body. He is empowered to employ necessary assistance.

The executive committee exercises general supervision and, during its adjournment, has full control of the association. It audits accounts, represents the association before county and State authorities, fills vacancies among the offices and in its own body, and prosecutes persons engaged in stock killing or stealing, and makes an annual report to the association. Each member is expected to keep in touch with live-stock matters in his immediate locality and gives attention to the affairs of the association in that section. Persons appointed to vacancies hold their positions until the succeeding annual meeting.

At each meeting of the association the chair appoints a resolution committee of five, to whom are referred without debate all resolutions offered on the floor of the convention, except those that come from the executive committee or the State live-stock board.

There is also a standing committee on membership, composed of three members of the executive committee and the secretary-treasurer. All applications for membership are referred to this committee.

Officers and members of the executive committee are elected on the first day of the annual meeting and serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Membership.—Only stock growers may become members. This term is defined as "a person owning or controlling cattle, horses, mules, or asses, and engaged in the business of breeding, growing, and raising the same for profit." Memberships must be personal, and the applicant must be proposed by a member of the association, must accompany his application with the fee of admission and a statement of the number of stock owned or controlled by him or by his firm or company, with their brands or marks, and the names of the members of his firm or the names and addresses of all the officers of his company. The application is referred to the membership committee, whose action is final.

Persons becoming members bind themselves and their employees to observe the by-laws, resolutions, and regulations of the association under penalty of forfeiture of membership. Members are expected to notify the executive committee of cases of killing or stealing stock within their knowledge.

Failure to pay dues or assessments within specified times brings the delinquent into suspension or his name may be dropped from the rolls if the case is greatly aggravated.

A member guilty of divulging the proceedings of the association or of disloyalty to the association may be tried at a meeting specially called for the purpose or at a regular annual meeting. If a majority of the members present find him guilty, he is expelled. Expulsion in such a case is permanent.

No resignations are accepted until all dues or assessments have been paid.

Meetings.—The annual meeting is held on the third Tuesday in April, at 10 a. m., at Miles City, Mont.

Special meetings may be called by the president, by either vice-president, or whenever requested by seven members. No other business may be transacted at a special meeting except that for which it is called.

A quorum of the association is twenty-five members; of the executive committee, seven members.

Proxies, made within sixty days of the date of meetings and approved by the executive committee, may be voted at all meetings.

Revenue.—Annual dues, $5, and an annual assessment at the discretion of the executive committee not to exceed 1 cent per head on 70 per cent of all stock owned by members at the time of assessment.

Miscellaneous.—The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at an annual meeting.

NEBRASKA STOCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Same as the Montana association, with the following exceptions:

The association is governed by its articles of incorporation rather than by a constitution and by-laws.

Officers and management.—One vice-president. The executive committee is composed of fifteen members from the State at large.

The secretary-treasurer is not authorized to employ assistance.

The president and secretary-treasurer appoint a membership committee of three to pass upon applications for membership for recommendation to the executive committee.

There is no committee on resolutions.

The executive committee acts as a board of arbitration in disputes between members referred to it for settlement.

Membership.—Applicants must be proposed by a member and receive the favorable votes of the membership committee and the executive committee.

Membership is forfeited if assessments are not paid before July 15 following the date of levy.

Members accused of misconduct are tried by the executive committee, and expelled if found guilty by a majority vote.

Meetings.—The annual meeting is held on the second Tuesday in May at a place designated by the association at the previous annual meeting. The president, vice-president, or president pro tempore may call a special meeting, or this may be done at the request of five members of the executive committee. The executive committee meets immediately after election and on the call of the president, vice-president, president pro tempore, or three of its members. The executive committee meets immediately after election.

Eleven members of the association constitute a quorum at all meetings.

Revenue.—Admission fee, $2.50, with exemption from annual dues for the first year; annual dues, $2.50. Maximum limit of assessments 2½ cents per head on all stock owned by members at time of assessment.

Miscellaneous.—Amendments to the articles must be made in writing and filed with the secretary at least thirty days in advance of the meeting at which they are to be presented and a copy mailed to each member of the association.

NORTHWESTERN STOCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

This organization is young, an offshoot of the Western South Dakota Stock Growers' Association, and is composed of men representing the smaller stockmen as opposed to the large ranchmen; accordingly, its membership includes owners of sheep. Its constitution is modeled on that of the Montana Stock Growers' Association. Exceptions may be noted as follows:

Object.—In enumerating the classes of stock protected, asses are omitted and sheep added. The energies of the association are directed toward enforcing the stock laws "of adjoining States" as well as those of South Dakota.

Officers and management.—One vice-president, and an executive committee of eleven members selected from the State at large. No outside representation. No provision for representation of new counties. There is no committee on resolutions.

At each annual meeting the president appoints a committee of three members on arbitration, "whose duty it shall be to examine into and render a decision on all questions of dispute arising between members of this association and referred to them for settlement."

Membership.—A "stockman" may own sheep as well as other classes of stock. The applicant must be proposed by a member of the association and his application must receive the favorable vote of a membership committee of three members and the secretary-treasurer. This committee reports its action, if favorable, to the executive committee, which body takes final action on the application.

Meetings.—Annual meeting at Bellefourche, S. Dak., on the second Tuesday in April, beginning at 2 o'clock p. m. Other places may be designated by the executive committee.

Special meetings may be called by the president, or, in his absence, by the vice-president, or at the request of five members of the association.

Eleven members of the association constitute a quorum.

Proxies, made within thirty days of the meetings and approved by the executive committee, may be voted at elections.

Revenue.—Admission fee, $2; annual dues, $2; an assessment not oftener than once a year, not to exceed 2 cents per head on all cattle, horses, and mules, and 2 mills per head on all sheep owned by members at time of assessment.

"Applicants for membership who are members of other associations or sheepmen and do not desire stock-yard inspection" by the Northwestern, are not assessed for that purpose.

Miscellaneous.—The by-laws may be amended only at an annual meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA STOCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

The by-laws of this organization follow very closely those of the Montana Stock Growers' Association, to which the reader is referred. Among the exceptions may be noted the following:

Officers and management.—The executive committee consists of twelve members, elected from the State at large. No provision is made for representation from new counties.

Proxies are voted at elections only.

There is no committee on resolutions. An arbitration committee of three members of the association is appointed by the president at each annual meeting.

Membership.—Applicants must be proposed by a member of the association, and the applications are referred to a membership committee of three members and the secretary-treasurer. If their action is favorable, the application goes to the executive committee, whose action is final.

Meetings.—Annual meeting on the second Tuesday in April, at 1 o'clock p. m., at Rapid City, S. Dak.

Special meetings may be called in the usual manner or at the request of five members of the association.

Eleven members constitute a quorum for meetings of the association and three for meetings of the executive committee, of whom one must always be the secretary.

Revenue.—Admission fee, $5, payment of which exempts from the annual dues for the first year; the maximum assessment is 3 cents per head for cattle and 2 cents per head for horses, mules, and asses owned by members at the time of assessment.

"Applicants for membership who are members of other associations and do not desire stock-yard inspection by our association shall not be assessed for that purpose."

ARIZONA CATTLE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—"To secure a better acquaintance, and to promote a more cordial friendship among the cattle growers of Arizona; to inculcate sound and correct principles of breeding and the growing of cattle; to prevent the stealing and driving away of cattle and horses from the rightful owners thereof; to assist and encourage the Ari-

zona Live Stock and Sanitary Board in their efforts to promote and build up the cattle business and the enforcement and execution of the stock laws of Arizona; to aid, encourage, and promote the enactment and passage of such stock laws as the present and future interest of the stock growers of Arizona demand and require."

Officers and management.—President, first and second vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, an executive committee, and a board of control. The officers mentioned constitute the board of control and the executive committee is composed of the officers and three members of the association from each county in the Territory, making a total membership of forty-four.

In addition to the usual duties pertaining to his office, the secretary gives notice of all meetings, keeps a list of the names and addresses of the members, and collects the annual dues, paying them over to the treasurer.

The treasurer is required to give such bond as may be required by the executive committee.

No officer may hold his office longer than two successive years.

The books of the secretary and treasurer are audited at each annual meeting of the association.

Officers are allowed expenses incurred in performing their duties, but are allowed no other compensation.

At each annual meeting an auditing committee and a committee on resolutions of three members each are appointed by the president.

Except when the association is in session the executive committee has entire control over its affairs "not otherwise provided for." The members from each county have charge of the affairs of the association in that county, and are consulted by the board of control on all matters "relating to or originating within" that county.

The board of control has power to act for the executive committee "in ordinary matters," and has all the management and control of the association "not specifically designated to other officers, members, or committees." It may fix the date and place of the annual meeting of the association, and may call a meeting of the entire executive committee when necessary, and fills vacancies occurring from death or otherwise among the officers or members of the executive committee, such appointments being effective only until the next succeeding annual meeting. The board is responsible to the executive committee.

Membership.—Associations of cattle growers, firms, corporations, or individuals interested in any way in the cattle industry in Arizona are eligible to membership. The applicant must be recommended by one or more members, must state in his application the names of the individuals composing his firm, or the names and addresses of the officers of the association which he represents, must accompany his application with the initiation fee of $5, and must receive the favorable vote of the board of control.

Persons becoming members bind themselves and employees to the observance of the by-laws and regulations of the association under penalty of forfeiture of membership.

Failure to pay dues on or before the annual meeting at which they become payable suspends the rights of membership until payment is made.

Meetings.—The association holds one meeting annually, the time and place being decided by it, or, in case of failure to do so, by the board of control. Special meetings may be called by the president at the written request of three members of the executive committee.

The secretary gives due notice of all meetings either through the public press or by letter to each member.

Five members of the association constitute a quorum, provided five counties are represented.

Revenue.—Initiation fee, $5; annual dues, $1.

OKLAHOMA LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION.

The constitution is a modification of that of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, to which attention is called. The following are among the exceptions noted:

Object.—To protect cattle raisers of Oklahoma, southern Kansas, and northern Texas.

Officers and management.—The offices of secretary and treasurer may be consolidated at any time. The president, secretary, and treasurer are members of the executive committee ex officio, which committee numbers seven. No provision is made for an assistant secretary, and there is no provision regarding limited tenure of office.

The secretary notifies members of their indebtedness semiannually, and failure to pay subjects members to the penalty of having their brands removed from the inspectors' books, but not to dismissal from the association. The secretary is empowered to draw a sight draft on members neglecting to pay such indebtedness within thirty days of notification.

The executive committee is not empowered to fix salaries and wages of employees. It elects its own chairman and secretary.

Membership.—Applicants must render for assessment not less than 25 head.

The provisions against encouragement of and sympathy for cattle thieves found in Articles XXV and XXVI of the Texas by-laws are omitted from the Oklahoma constitution, but the same provisions of punishment for stealing, etc., are provided.

Meetings.—On the second Tuesday of February of each year. It is not stated specifically how the date and place are fixed.

Four members of the executive committee constitute a quorum.

Revenue.—Membership fee, $3; annual dues, $2. Assessment not to exceed 2 cents per head on all cattle owned or controlled by members. If members do not render their cattle for assessment, the number shown by assessors' roll is taken as a basis.

Assessment dues are payable, on notice from the secretary, 1 cent per head on or before June 15 and 1 cent per head on or before December 1 of each year. On notice from the secretary these assessments may be collected quarterly at the rate of one-half cent per quarter.

Pasturage charges and disposition of cattle caught by inspectors are not mentioned in the Oklahoma constitution.

Miscellaneous.—The provisions of Articles XIII, XVI, XXI, XXV, XXVI, XXXVII, and XXXVIII of the Texas by-laws are entirely omitted from the Oklahoma constitution. The reader is referred to the Texas by-laws, appended to this article, for a closer comparison.

CATTLE RAISERS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS.

Object.—Mutual protection and benefit and the cultivation of a fraternal feeling generally among cattlemen.

Officers and management.—President, two vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee of fifteen, of which the president and vice-president are members ex officio. The president is ex officio chairman of the executive committee. In addition to the usual duties of that officer, the president appoints the members of the executive committee, which appointments must be confirmed by the association.

The secretary gives bond, which must be approved by the executive committee. He keeps a record of the brands and marks used by members of the association, the list of cattle rendered for assessment, sends quarterly statements of their indebtedness to all members, and collects all funds due the association, including dues, assessments, pasturage on animals caught by inspectors of the association, etc., paying them over to the treasurer and taking a receipt.

The treasurer also gives a bond, approved by the executive committee, when the body requires it.

The executive committee has entire control over the association during adjournment. "It shall have the power to appoint inspectors, agents, and representatives, and an assistant secretary, if in their discretion such an officer shall be required, and shall fix salaries and compensations of all officers and employees of the association; shall offer rewards, and do any and all things which the association could do if in session, and its action shall be binding on the association. It shall audit all accounts of the association, and at each annual meeting make a report covering all matters requiring the attention of the association, and recommend such measures as it shall deem of importance for the action of the association." This body approves the bonds of the secretary and treasurer, passes upon applications for membership, passes upon bills and claims against the association not included under the head of printing and advertising and stationery needed by the secretary's office, levies assessments, acts as a board of investigation of charges against members, has power to suspend or expel, and is a board of arbitration in disputes between members regarding the ownership of animals held by inspectors of the association.

The executive committee elects its own secretary.

Elected officers hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and installed, but no person may hold the office of president or vice-president longer than two terms in succession.

At least four members of the executive committee must be retired each year.

Membership.—Persons owning or controlling cattle, and 18 years of age or over, are eligible to membership.

Persons desiring membership make application to the secretary on blanks supplied by him. The applicant must be indorsed by two members in good standing, and must accompany his application with the initiation fee. He must receive the favorable vote of the executive committee and the favorable vote of a majority of the members of the association and must "render for assessment all cattle owned or controlled by him" before he is accepted as a member.

Each member is required to file with the secretary "a list of his brands and marks accompanying such brands, as nearly as possible, for all cattle for which he asks protection, the number of said cattle to be not less than the number rendered by him for taxation, and to include all other cattle owned or controlled by him, with the number of his cattle, his post-office address, location of ranch," etc. These records are always open to members of the association.

Members are required to report to the association all cases of "marking, branding, killing, driving, milking, or in any way using or appropriating any cattle" not the property of the person committing these acts, unless he has the authority of the owner.

A member may withdraw from the association by making formal application to the secretary and discharging all indebtedness, provided that there are no charges against him "for violations of the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the association."

Failure to pay annual dues and assessments subjects a member to having his brand removed from association records, the loss of protection, and forfeiture of membership.

Members going on the bond of persons charged with cattle stealing who are not members or their employees forfeit membership.

Offenses for which a member may be expelled are to "mark, brand, kill, or sell, or in any way appropriate for his own use or benefit any stock not his own and without proper authority from the owner." To "drive other cattle than his own from their accustomed range" is regarded as "violating the good intentions of the association," and subjects the member to "expulsion, suspension, or reprehension," as the gravity of the case demands.

Members charged with the theft of cattle may be suspended by the executive committee in its discretion, and, if convicted, expelled from the association by that

body, the right of appeal to the association being allowed at the succeeding annual meeting.

Charges against members of acts punishable by expulsion, suspension, or reprehension are presented to the executive committee verbally or in writing, with the evidence at hand. The committee investigates them, and, if it deems them sufficient, instructs the secretary to summon the member accused to appear before the association to stand trial. If the executive committee does not deem the charges sufficient, the accuser may present them to the association at its next annual meeting for its consideration.

The executive committee may investigate charges on its own initiative, with the usual course.

When charges are preferred and brought before the association, a fair trial is allowed at an annual meeting, and a majority vote of the members present may convict. After conviction, the association votes for the kind of punishment, which may be expulsion, suspension, or reprehension, a majority vote deciding.

Suspended members are not entitled to any of the privileges of the association, but are accountable to it for their conduct. At any stated meeting they may be reinstated by a favorable majority vote.

Expelled members may apply for new membership after twelve months from date of expulsion.

Meetings.—Annual, on second Tuesday in March. The place where this meeting is held is decided by the association in annual meeting.

The executive committee meets immediately after their appointments are confirmed by the association and selects a secretary. Their regular meetings are held on the last Mondays of May, August, and November. Special meetings may be called by the secretary. Five members constitute a quorum, and their action is final "unless rescinded by the entire executive committee."

Revenue.—Initiation fee, $5; annual dues, $5; 10 per cent of the sales of all cattle caught by inspectors of the association and sold belonging to the associati n; an assessment, if needed, not to exceed 2½ cents per head on all cattle owned or controlled by members.

NORTH MONTANA WOOL GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—Protection and promotion of the wool and mutton interests of Montana.

Officers and management.—President, three vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer. All but the treasurer constitute the executive committee.

In addition to the usual duties of the office, the president is specifically charged with the general supervision of the association, is chairman of the executive committee, and delivers an address on sheep husbandry at the annual meeting.

The secretary receives money due the association, pays it to the treasurer, taking a receipt, and publishes, "as far as practicable," an annual report containing the transactions of the association and the papers and addresses presented at the annual meeting.

The executive committee has power to levy assessments for the support of the association.

At each annual meeting the president appoints a ways and means committee of two members from each county in the State; among other duties the members of this committee may grant applications for membership and receive membership fees, giving receipts for them. No officers are paid salaries except the secretary, who receives $100 per annum, payable at the close of the year.

Officers are elected annually.

Membership.—Wool growers residing in Montana.

Meetings.—The association meets in July of each year at Great Falls, Mont. Special meetings may be held at any time on call of the president.

The executive committee meets on call of the president or three of its members. Three members constitute a quorum.

Revenue.—Membership fee, $5; assessments at a rate per 1,000 sheep owned by members as shown by the assessment rolls in the different counties. The executive committee fixes the rate of assessment.

UTAH WOOL GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Object.—"To defend the individual members from oppression of any kind and to make a common cause of any injury or injustice inflicted upon a member; to protect the rights of the wool grower in the use of the range, the water courses and springs, and his right to the use of the public highways; to provide a fund that can be used at any time in defense of our rights, or to prosecute to a final determination suits in the courts of law, for any injustice which may be committed on members of this association."

Officers and management.—President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee of seven, of which the officers named are members ex officio. There is also a vice-president for each county in the State.

In addition to his regular duties, the president receives applications for membership and approves the bonds and sureties of the secretary and treasurer.

The county vice-presidents represent the interests of the association in their respective counties and receive applications for membership.

The executive committee receives complaints of "damages of whatever kind or nature, wrongs, indignities, extortion, or oppression done to or suffered by any member," and carries these cases into the courts if the facts warrant such action. The committee may fill vacancies in any office and "has general direction and supervision of all the work of the association."

The officers serve one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified. The secretary receives such compensation as the association may determine. The secretary and treasurer are required to give bonds of $1,000 each, "with two good and sufficient sureties."

Only wool growers are eligible to office.

Membership.—Sheep raisers, wool growers, and wool dealers in Utah are eligible to membership. Applications are made to the president or county vice-president. Failure to pay the yearly dues to the association forfeits the right to protection.

Meetings.—Annual meeting on April 6 at Salt Lake City. Special meetings may be called by the president at his discretion or at the request of five or more members. Twenty-five members constitute a quorum.

Revenue.—Initiation fee, $1; annual dues from persons who are not sheep owners, $1; wool growers are assessed $1 per thousand sheep owned by them.

SPECIMEN CONSTITUTIONS OF LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATIONS.

In the following pages the constitutions of a number of these associations are appended for the information of those who may desire more complete details regarding their methods of organization and government.

The constitution of the California Live Stock Breeders' Association may serve as a model for Pacific coast breeders or those similarly situated; the Missouri and Kansas constitutions are typical of the corn-belt associations; the constitution of the Montana Registered Cattle Breeders' Association contains many excellent suggestions for breeders who are pioneers in live-stock improvement; and with the Ohio Horse

Breeders' Association serves as an illustration of an organization to promote a special class of stock. All of these illustrate the educational associations. Those which are mainly protective are represented by the Montana Stock Growers' Association, the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, and the Utah Wool Growers' Association. These latter ones also illustrate associations organized for the promotion and protection of live stock interests in general and of those of special classes.

These constitutions, by-laws, rules, and regulations are inserted solely for purposes of information and the Bureau of Animal Industry does not assume responsibility for any sentiments expressed therein.

California Live-Stock Breeders' Association.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the California Live Stock Breeders' Association.

OBJECT.

The object of the California Live Stock Breeders' Association is to encourage the breeding of purebred live stock, to improve the breeds of domestic animals in California, to secure adequate recognition of our animal industry from the State legislature and public officers, to provide for a comprehensive plan of agricultural education, to collect live-stock statistics and disseminate information respecting the superiority of pure-bred animals, to hold live-stock conventions, to promote live-stock exhibitions, to enlarge the usefulness of the State fair, and in general to contribute to the prominence of California as a live-stock breeding center.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this association shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a board of seven directors. The president, secretary, vice-president, and treasurer shall be ex officio members of the board of directors, and a majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the association. and in his absence the vice-president shall be the presiding officer.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a record of all the meetings of the association, to receive all moneys and dues due the association, to pay the same over to the treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, to receive all applications for membership and refer same to the board of directors, to keep a list of members, with their residences, dates of joining, class of stock, and families of same, to collect live-stock statistics, and he shall receive for his services such compensation as the board of directors may order.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

It shall be the duty of the board of directors to pass upon all applications for membership, to have general supervision of the association under such rules and regulations as may from time to time be subscribed, and in general to promote the objects for which this association was formed.

MEMBERSHIP.

All residents of the State of California who are engaged in improving the standard of the live stock of the State, editors of live-stock and agricultural papers, and experiment-station officials from any experiment station in the United States who have been approved by the board of directors are eligible to membership

EXPULSION.

If any member shall willfully misrepresent any stock or do any act derogatory to this association, he shall be expelled, providing that two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting shall vote for such expulsion. It shall be the duty of the secretary to notify the offending member of the charges against him thirty days before such meeting, when he will be permitted to appear and be given a hearing.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of this association shall be held at Sacramento on the second Tuesday of the State fair. Twenty-five members of the association shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting. The board of directors shall hold meetings at such times and places as may be necessary to transact the business of the association, and upon the written request of ten members the president shall call a special meeting. It will be the duty of the secretary to notify each member of the association of the annual meeting ten days previous thereto.

AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of such amendment is given sixty days previous to the annual meeting.

DUES.

The annual dues of this association shall be three dollars ($3), and if any member shall neglect to pay his dues for one year his name shall be dropped from the membership roll.

ELECTIONS.

All officers of this association shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' Association.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be known as the Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' Association.

ART. 2. The objects of this association shall be to promote the interests of breeders of the various breeds of improved live stock in Kansas.

ART. 3. The officers of this association shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a board of five directors, which, together with the president, secretary, and treasurer, shall constitute an executive committee.

ART. 4. The officers of this association shall be elected at each annual meeting.

ART. 5. Any person interested in the improved breeds of live stock may become a member of this association by the payment of a membership fee of $1, and thereafter an annual due of $1 shall be collected from each member of this association.

ART. 6. The regular annual meeting of this association shall be held at Topeka on the second Tuesday of January each year at 10 a. m.

ART. 7. This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of this association by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

BY-LAWS.

1. The president shall preside at all meetings; he shall fill by appointment all temporary vacancies in offices, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of president.

2. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and perform all the duties pertaining to the office.

3. The secretary shall keep a roll of all the members, with their post-office addresses (and class of stock bred). He shall record in a book kept for that purpose all the proceedings of the association, and receive and pay over to the treasurer all fees, dues, and other money paid to the association, conduct the correspondence of the association, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

4. The treasurer shall receive from the secretary all money coming into the hands of the association and disburse the same on order of the executive committee, and make a detailed report of said receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting.

5. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to prepare a programme for each annual meeting and furnish copy of the programme to each member of the association at least thirty days previous to the annual meeting. They shall also provide for the publication of annual reports and have general supervision of the business affairs of the association.

6. Order of business:

Calling roll.
Reading minutes of last meeting.
President's annual address.
Reports of officers.
Reports of committees.
Communications.
Unfinished business.
New business.
Election of officers.
General programme.
Adjournment.

7. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at any annual meeting of this association.

Missouri Improved Live Stock Breeders' Association.

Constitution.

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Missouri Improved Live Stock Breeders' Association.

Sec. 2. The purposes of this organization are to include in its membership all who are interested in the encouragement and upbuilding of an increased interest among all the breeders of the various breeds of improved live stock; and for mutual benefit and the disseminating of information calculated to awaken a more general interest among breeders, farmers, and feeders, to the end that better methods may prevail.

Sec. 3. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president and one vice-president for each breed represented in its membership, a secretary who shall be ex officio treasurer, an executive committee consisting of the president and secretary and three members to be appointed by the president.

Sec. 4. Election of officers. The president, vice-president, and secretary and ex officio treasurer shall be elected at each annual meeting by ballot and serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 5. Membership. Anyone may become a member of this organization by making application to the secretary to have his name enrolled.

Sec. 6. Membership fees and annual dues. There shall be no membership fees or annual dues charged unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the members present at an annual meeting.

Sec. 7. Meetings. The meetings of this association shall be held at such time and place as may be decided upon by the executive committee.

By-Laws.

Section 1. Duties of president and vice-presidents. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings and to call such meetings of the executive committee as may seem necessary. It shall be the duty of the several vice-presidents to cooperate with the executive committee and look after the membership and interests of the special breed which he represents.

Sec. 2. Duties of secretary and ex officio treasurer shall be to keep the minutes of all meetings and record them in a book kept for that purpose. To receive and pay out all moneys, keeping a correct account of the same. He also shall be required to each year make a report to the annual meeting. He shall turn over all records and accounts to his duly elected successor in office.

Sec. 3. Duties of executive committee. The executive committee shall have charge of all the business affairs of this association, also to select a time and place for holding each succeeding annual meeting; to examine the books and accounts of the secretary and treasurer; to arrange programme for each annual meeting and have same ready for publication at least four weeks in advance of date of meeting.

Sec. 4. Annual meeting. At each annual meeting the time and place for the next regular meeting shall be decided upon by the executive committee acting jointly with the executive committees from the several organizations composing the Industrial Association. The time and place for the annual meeting shall be given due announcement through the agricultural press.

Montana Registered Cattle Breeders' Association.

Declaration of Objects.

NAME.

This association shall be known as the Montana Registered Cattle Breeders' Association.

OBJECTS.

The improvement of cattle in the herds of the Northwest, the encouragement of better breeding and introduction of pure blood into the herds of the State; to promote and aid county, district, and State exhibits by breeders where friendly competition will lead not only to improvement among breeders who exhibit, but create interest among cattle breeders generally; to produce a class of cattle that shall be equal to any in the Union; to afford mutual protection and aid to breeders, and to promote quarterly, semiannual, or annual public sales of pure-bred cattle owned in Montana.

By-Laws.

QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.

Section 1. Any reputable owner or breeder of pure-bred cattle whose residence is in Montana may become a member of this association upon approval by the board of directors and payment of initiation fee of five dollars ($5), which shall be the annual fee of membership. Applications for membership shall be made to the secretary, who shall bring the application before the board of directors for their approval. The secretary shall report the action of the board upon said application to the applicant. When an application is approved by the board the membership fee shall be paid by the applicant within twenty days after notification of such approval by the secretary, and thereupon the applicant shall be enrolled as member of the association.

MEMBERSHIP BY CORPORATIONS, FIRMS, AND COPARTNERSHIPS.

Sec. 2. An incorporated company may become a member of this association the same as an individual, and a firm composed of two or more partners may likewise become a member. Any individual partner in any firm may have membership separate and apart from his said firm on payment of his membership fee and assessments. Memberships in this association are nontransferable and terminate with the life of the member or the dissolution of the firm or corporation.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 3. The officers of this association shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the association, excepting the secretary, who may or may not be a member.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 4. The president shall be elected by a majority vote of all the members present or represented by approved proxies at each annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year, or until his successor is elected and qualified. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the association, who shall see that the laws are enforced and who shall see that each and every officer of the association performs the duties required of him by the by-laws. He shall preside at all meetings of the association when present and of the board of directors, and perform such other duties as the by-laws and rules may impose upon him. He shall execute all contracts of the association which shall have been authorized by the board of directors.

Sec. 5. The vice-president shall be elected in the same way as the president at each annual meeting, and hold office for one year, or until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall perform all the duties of the president in case of the absence or inability of the president or upon the request of the president. In case of the death or removal of both president and vice-president, the board of directors shall choose a president to act until the next annual meeting.

Sec. 6. The secretary shall be the clerical officer of the association, and shall hold his office for one year, or until a successor is elected and qualified. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep and preserve correct and accurate minutes of all meet-

ings of the association in a special record book for that purpose, and to be the custodian of such records. He shall keep the books and accounts of such association, attend to its correspondence, and perform such other duties as the board of directors may direct, and shall receive such compensation for his services as the board of directors may deem fit. The secretary shall give bond for the faithful performance of the duties imposed in such sum as the board of directors may direct, the premium on said bond to be paid by the association. The secretary shall not buy nor sell cattle on commission, nor shall he be interested in the sale of cattle belonging to others, except in such manner as the board of directors shall permit and authorize. He shall attest to all contracts made by the association, which shall have the approval of the board of directors and be executed by the president.

SEC. 7. The treasurer shall have charge and custody of the funds and securities of the association and shall deposit the same in a safe manner, paying the same as the board of directors may direct. He shall give bond in such a sum and in such manner as the board of directors shall designate, the association paying the premium on said bond.

SEC. 8. The management of the association shall be vested in a board of five directors, who shall be elected by a majority vote of all members present at the regular annual meeting of the association, which shall be at such date and at such place as the board may direct. The board of directors shall have the entire charge and management of the property of the association, and shall have power to employ help and assistants in any department of the work that they may deem for the best interests of the association. It is the duty of the board to encourage breeding and to maintain unimpaired the purity of all registered cattle and to protect and promote by all lawful means the interests of pure blood as their judgment may dictate; to offer premiums for the exhibition of superior animals and to receive contributions and to appropriate association moneys for such purposes. The board of directors shall cause to be kept an accurate record of their meetings and all transactions in the special record book.

SEC. 9. The board of directors shall hold an annual meeting for the transaction of business as soon as practicable after the annual meeting of the association and at such place as a majority of the board may elect. They shall hold special meetings at such time and place as they may deem necessary for the proper management and transaction of the business of the association. Special meetings shall be called either by a majority of the members, by a majority of the board of directors, or by the president.

All directors shall receive sufficient notice of a special meeting to enable them to reach the place designated and a majority of the board may transact business.

SEC. 10. The officers and directors of the association may receive their necessary expenses paid out by them in the transaction of the necessary business of the association, but shall receive no compensation for their services.

SEC. 11. There shall be an annual meeting of the association for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of business at a place and date set by the directors. The secretary shall notify all members by written or printed notice within ten days after being notified of the date and place by the directors, and the said directors shall name the date and place to the secretary at least thirty days prior to said meeting. At any annual or special meeting a majority of members of the association present shall have power to transact business. No member shall be permitted to vote unless his membership fee has been paid.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AT SPECIAL OR ANNUAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 12. The regular order of business at the annual and special meetings shall be as follows;

1. Roll call of members and submission of proxies.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meetings and action thereon.
3. Address of the president.
4. Report of board of directors.
5. Report of the secretary.
6. Report of the treasurer.
7. Report of committees.
8. Election of officers.
9. Miscellaneous.

The regular order of business may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote.

Election of officers shall be by ballot if there is more than one nomination for one office or more than five nominations for directors.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 13. It shall be the duty of every member to furnish to this association and to the national association to which he may belong all information regarding the violation of rules, or of any act by any member or any other person that would tend to bring censure on this or any other recognized association, and shall aid in every way the detection of frauds in pedigrees or attempts to deceive. The board of directors are hereby empowered to expel from this association. after due investigation and a hearing of the accused, any member whom they deem guilty of a violation of the rules of the association, or who may be deemed guilty of any act that will tend to injure the interests of purebred cattle or the breeders thereof.

Ohio Horse Breeders' Association.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This association shall be known as the Ohio Horse Breeders' Association.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this association shall be to promote the various breeds of horses in the State of Ohio, and to protect importers, breeders, and purchasers of such horses against injury resulting from persons wrongfully claiming full-blooded and pedigreed animals and selling the same as such; to promote the general improvement of breeding and feeding and caring for horses; for the education of the individuals engaged therein, and for the mutual benefit of the members of this association.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this association shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and executive committee of five, of which the president, and in his absence the vice-president, and the secretary shall be ex officio members.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. Any person of good character who is engaged in importing purebred horses or in the breeding of horses, whether purebred or not, in the State of Ohio, shall be eligible for membership in this association, and, upon the recommendation of some member of this association in good standing, may become an active member by the payment of $1 annually to the secretary. Persons residing in Ohio who are not engaged in the business of importing purebred horses and are not engaged in breeding horses, but are engaged in the business of dealing in horses in this State, are eligible to membership in the association as subscribing members thereof, when recommended as aforesaid, and shall have all the rights and privileges of active members except the right to hold office, vote for officers, or to vote upon the adoption or amendment of the constitution and by-laws.

SEC. 2. All persons who may become members shall be subject to and be governed by the constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. There shall be at least two stated meetings each year, one to be help in January and one during the Ohio State fair, at such times and places in the city of Columbus as the president and secretary may designate.

SEC. 2. All meetings of the association are subject to the call of the president, who shall notify the secretary and he notify the members of such meetings.

SEC. 3. The president and secretary shall select suitable persons at each annual meeting to prepare and read papers on the subjects of breeding, feeding, and caring for horses, and such other subjects within the scope of the association as they may select.

ARTICLE VI.

This constitution may be amended by adding to or taking therefrom at any annual meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of the active members present.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the association in January shall be held in the city of Columbus, Ohio, on the day preceding the day of the annual convention of

the State board of agriculture of Ohio, and at such place as may be provided by the secretary of the association and secretary of the State board of agriculture.

SEC. 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting in January.

SEC. 3. At the annual meeting in January the secretary and treasurer shall make their reports, and the president shall appoint an auditing committee to audit their reports.

SEC. 4. Special meetings of the association may be called by the president, or, in case of his absence or disability, by the vice-president, at a time and place designated in the notice.

ARTICLE II.

At each annual meeting of the association in January the following shall be the order of business:

1. Calling to order by president.
2. Reading minutes.
3. Secretary's report.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Reports of committees.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Election of officers.
9. Reading of papers on topics named.

At the annual meeting during the State fair matters of general interest, except as hereinafter provided, may come up for discussion and action.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the association. He shall call such meetings as are provided for in the by-laws. He shall countersign all warrants drawn upon the treasurer by the secretary, and shall perform such other duties as usually devolve upon such officer.

SEC. 2. The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in case of his absence.

SEC. 3. The secretary shall have charge of all the books and records of the association. He shall attend and accurately record the proceedings of all meetings of the association. He shall draw all warrants on the treasurer. He shall receive all moneys due the association and pay the same to the treasurer, and charge the same in account to the treasurer in a book kept for that purpose. He shall prepare and issue all proper notices of all meetings of the association, and to all officers, notifying them of their election, and submit to the annual meeting of the association in January a true and correct report of his transactions with the association and the treasurer, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the president.

In addition to other records kept by him, the secretary shall either in person or by an assistant secretary appointed by him and approved by the president, keep two records in book form, one of which shall be called the "Breeders' Record" and the other the "Sale Record." Any horse, mare, colt, or filly owned by any member shall be eligible to entry in the Breeders' Record, and at the owner's request shall be entered therein by the secretary or his assistant, who shall state the name and address of the owner, and the name, age, sex, and breed of the animal, with a pertinent description of the latter, and if any animal so entered be registered in any recognized studbook, the registry number shall be stated and the studbook in which such registration is made; and if any animal so entered be eligible to such registration, but not registered, he shall state to what studbook it is eligible and under what rule or on what ground the owner claims the right of registration; and if the owner so directs a record shall be made of the terms of service of any stallion so entered.

In the Sale Record any horse, mare, colt, filly, or gelding of any member shall be eligible for entry if such animal be for sale. Such entry shall include the name and address of the owner, and a statement of the name, age, sex, and breed of the animal, and, if the owner so directs, the price and terms of sale. No animal shall be entered in either of said records unless the owner thereof be an active or subscribing member of this association, and for each animal registered the charge shall be 25 cents, payable when the entry is made.

Said records shall be open at all times to the inspection of officers and other members of the association, but not to any other person except as hereinafter stated. With the consent of any owner of an animal so entered his name and address may be furnished to any prospective breeder or purchaser, whether a member of the

association or not. On the payment of 50 cents the secretary or his assistant shall permit any prospective breeder or purchaser, who is not a member of the association, to inspect, or shall furnish him by letter information concerning any entries in said records concerning any animals whose owner shall have authorized such information to be given.

The secretary or his assistant shall furnish to the members of the association without charge printed blanks on which to request entries to be made in said records. When any animal entered in either of said records is sold, the date of sale, and the name and address of both seller and purchaser shall be recorded in the Sale Record, at the request of either seller or purchaser on the payment of the sum of 25 cents. The secretary or the assistant secretary, if the services be performed by the latter, shall receive as his compensation the fees received as aforesaid.

SEC. 4. The treasurer shall receive and shall keep and disburse all moneys belonging to the association, and shall pay them out on warrants drawn by the secretary and countersigned by the president. He shall keep a regular account of the money received and paid out by him, and shall make an annual report thereof at the stated meeting in January. He shall hand over to his successor in office any balance of money remaining in his hands as such treasurer at the end of his term of office.

Montana Stock Growers' Association.

BY-LAWS.[a]

SECTION 1. This association shall be known as the Montana Stock Growers' Association.

SEC. 2. The object of this association is to advance the interests of the stock growers in Montana and adjoining States and Territories, and for the protection of the same against frauds and swindlers, and to prevent the stealing, taking, and driving away of cattle, horses, mules, and asses from the rightful owners thereof, and to enforce the stock laws of the State of Montana.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 3. The affairs of this association shall be conducted and managed by a president, first vice-president, a second vice-president, a secretary and treasurer combined, and an executive committee. The executive committee shall consist of one member each for Flathead, Granite, Missoula, Ravalli, Broadwater, Deerlodge, and Silverbow counties, and for Wyoming, North and South Dakota, and Northwest Territory; two members each for Beaverhead, Sweet Grass, Powell, Meagher, Carbon, Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison, and Park counties; three members each for Cascade, Yellowstone, Teton, and Valley counties; five members each for Custer, Dawson, Choteau, Rosebud, Fergus, and Lewis and Clarke counties. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. All regular officers of the association shall be ex officio members of this committee. These officers and above-named committee shall be elected at the annual meeting in April of each year, and shall serve until the spring meeting following their election or until their successors have been elected. Written proxies, approved as genuine by the executive committee and made within sixty days, may be voted at all meetings. The executive committee is empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur, by death or otherwise, in their own body or among the officers of this association, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next regular election. The executive committee are empowered to provide representation on their committee for any new counties which may hereafter be created.

DUTY OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 4. The president shall preside at all meetings of the association. He shall see that all the by-laws, resolutions, and regulations thereof are faithfully executed, and perform such other duties as may be required of him in these by-laws, as well as such as may be necessary to secure the objects and best interests of this association not herein otherwise provided for.

SEC. 5. The first vice-president, in the absence of the president, shall perform the duties of the latter, and if he shall be absent the second vice-president shall act, and if both be absent at any meeting a president pro tempore may be elected.

SEC. 6. The secretary-treasurer shall keep accurate minutes of the transactions of this association. He shall keep a roll of members and a correct account of all moneys

[a] Adopted April 3, 1885.

received. He shall write and send all communications for the association and such as he may be directed to write and send by the association or executive committee. He shall pay all bills when directed by the executive committee, and he shall make a full report of all the transactions of his office at each annual session and at such other times as the association may direct, producing therewith vouchers for all moneys paid out. He shall deliver to his successor all books, papers, moneys, and other property in his possession belonging to the association, and perform such other duties as may be required by these by-laws, resolutions, and regulations, or by the association. He is authorized to employ such assistance as he may deem necessary, at a reasonable rate of compensation. He shall keep a record of the brands and such other information concerning the members, stock, range, etc., as may be furnished him by the members. He shall give bond to the association in such sum and with such sureties as may be required by the executive committee, conditioned that he will faithfully perform all acts and things required of him in this section, and he shall receive such compensation as the executive committee may determine.

SEC. 7. The executive committee may meet immediately after their election and at such other times as they may be called together by the president. The president or vice-president shall preside at all meetings. The secretary-treasurer shall act as the secretary of the committee. The committee shall have entire control of the employees and all the business of the association during its adjournment. It shall audit all accounts and order the secretary-treasurer to pay all bills. They shall represent the association before the State board of stock commissioners, boards of county commissioners, and the legislature, and in other similar positions, during adjournments of the association. At each annual meeting this committee shall make a report to the association in regard to matters requiring their attention, and shall recommend such measures as they deem necessary. Each member shall report at the meeting of the committee such matters as require attention in his locality, and shall look after and give attention to the interests of the association for the county he represents.

SEC. 8. The annual meeting of this association shall be held on the third Tuesday in April, at 10 o'clock a. m., in Miles City, Mont., at such place as the executive committee shall determine, due notice thereof being given. Special meetings may be called at any time by the president, or in his absence by either of the vice-presidents, and shall be called whenever requested by seven members. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for business at all meetings. The call for a special meeting shall state the object and place of such meeting, and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting. At each meeting of the association it shall be the duty of the chair to appoint a committee of five members, to whom all resolutions offered shall be referred without debate, except such as come from the executive committee or board of stock commissioners with their recommendations for adoption, which shall be put to vote without reference to the committee on resolutions.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AT MEETINGS.

1. Call to order.
2. Calling the roll.
3. Reading minutes of last meeting.
4. Report of secretary-treasurer.
5. Appointment of committees—resolutions, nominations, membership.
6. General business.
7. Report of membership committee and election of new members.
8. Report of resolutions and nominations committees.
9. Election of officers, including executive committee.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Adjournment.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 9. No person shall be a member of this association except a stock grower as defined by the following, viz: A person owning or controlling cattle, horses, mules, or asses, and engaged in the business of breeding, growing, or raising the same for profit. To become a member of this association, all persons must be proposed by a member. Each proposition shall be accompanied by a fee hereinafter specified, together with a statement of the number of cattle, horses, mules, and asses owned or controlled by such person or his firm or company, with all the brands and marks of such stock; also the names of the individuals comprising his firm or names of all the officers, if a company, and the post-office address of each, and his application shall be referred to the standing committee on membership, consisting of three members of the executive committee and the secretary and treasurer of the associa-

tion, who shall examine said application, and if they deem the applicant a proper person the secretary shall so notify him and place his name upon the list of members. All persons admitted as members bind themselves and their employees to the observance of all by-laws, resolutions, and regulations of the association that are now in force, or that may hereafter be adopted, on a penalty of forfeiture of membership. Memberships must be personal.

SEC. 10. The annual dues shall be $5, payable at the April meeting of each year, and no one shall become a member without such payment. Any member failing to pay his dues on or before the next spring meeting when the same shall become due shall cease to be a member until such payment has been made. Any member who shall be in arrears for more than one year for dues or assessments shall be dropped from the roll of members. All members shall be subject, not oftener than once per annum, to an assessment not exceeding 1 cent a head on 70 per cent of all cattle, horses, mules, and asses of which each person may at that time be the owner, and no resignation shall be accepted until all dues and assessments are paid. This assessment shall be levied in the discretion of the executive committee, and shall be payable when called for. Failure to pay on or before the next annual meeting following date of such assessment shall work a forfeiture of membership. The fund so assessed shall be collected by the secretary and treasurer, and shall become a part of the common fund of the association, subject to the same regulations as before provided.

SEC. 11. Any member who shall divulge the proceedings of or action taken in any meeting of the association to any person or persons, or do any act calculated to or that may injure or defeat any proceedings or action of this association or officers thereof that may be instituted for the purpose of its protection or that of any of its members under the laws of this State or of these by-laws, resolutions, and regulations, or that may be subversive of the interests generally of the association, shall have a fair and impartial hearing at a special meeting called for that purpose, or at the annual meeting, and if found guilty by a majority of the members present shall be expelled.

SEC. 12. Any member of this association who shall be expelled therefrom as aforesaid shall not again be received as a member thereof, and stock growers generally shall be notified of such expulsion.

SEC. 13. Whenever it shall come to the knowledge of any member of this association that any person or persons are engaged in stealing or killing stock of any kind, he shall immediately notify the executive committee of the association, who are hereby empowered to act in such manner as will, if possible, bring such person or persons to justice and recover said property.

SEC. 14. These by-laws, regulations, and resolutions shall not be annulled or amended except at the annual meeting, and then only by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas.

BY-LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.

PREAMBLE.

Believing that the cattle interests of Texas can be better guarded and promoted by a more perfect understanding and thorough organization among the parties interested, therefore we whose names are hereto attached do hereby organize ourselves into an association for mutual protection and benefit, and to cultivate a more fraternal feeling among cattlemen generally; and do hereby adopt the following by-laws, rules, and regulations, and further pledge ourselves to do all in our power to maintain the same:

ARTICLE I.

This organization shall be known as the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, and shall be composed of such cattlemen as are now members and such as may be elected as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of this association shall be one president, two vice-presidents, one secretary, one treasurer, and an executive committee of fifteen members, of which the president and vice-presidents shall be ex officio members. All officers shall be elected by the association, the majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election, and

shall hold office for one year or until their successors shall be elected and installed: *Provided*, That the members of the executive committee shall be nominated by the president and confirmed by a vote of the association, and that no one shall be elected president or vice-president for more than two successive terms, and that not less than four of the executive committee shall be retired each year. The president shall be ex officio chairman of said executive committee.

ARTICLE III.

It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings of the association, to preserve order and decorum, to announce the result of the balloting, to decide all points of order in controversy, subject to an appeal to the house, to see that all rules and regulations are enforced, and that all officers perform such other duties as may be hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the vice-presidents to assist the president in the performance of his duties and to officiate in his absence.

ARTICLE V.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to execute a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by the executive committee, to keep a correct record of the proceedings of each meeting of the association, and to keep an accurate account between the association and each of its members; to collect all moneys due the association and pay the same over to the treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and to perform such other duties as may be hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the assistant secretary to assist the secretary in the performance of his duties and, in his absence, to act in his stead.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the treasurer to give good and sufficient bond whenever required to do so by the executive committee, to be approved by the committee, to receive all moneys collected by the secretary belonging to the association, pass his receipt therefor, keep correct account of the same, and report minutely the financial condition of the association at each stated meeting, and to make disbursements of the funds of the association as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE VIII.

The executive committee shall meet immediately after their appointment and confirmation and select their secretary. They shall hold their regular meetings on the last Monday in May, August, and November, and call meetings whenever called by the chairman. This committee shall have entire control of all business of the association, except during the time when in session. It shall have the power to appoint inspectors, agents, and representatives, and an assistant secretary if, in their discretion, such an officer shall be required, and shall fix salaries and compensations of all officers and employees of the association, shall offer rewards, and do any and all things which the association could do if in session, and its action shall be binding on the association. It shall audit all accounts of the association, and at each annual meeting make a report covering all matters requiring the attention of the association, and recommend such measures as it shall deem of importance for the action of the association. Any five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and their action shall be final, unless rescinded by two-thirds vote of the entire executive committee.

ARTICLE IX.

It shall be the duty of each member of the association to attend, as far as practicable, all meetings of the association and pay all dues and assessments that may be imposed; to make every endeavor to advance the interests of the association, or any one of its members, and the cattle interests generally, and to maintain a strict observance of all by-laws, rules, regulations, and resolutions, and to perform such other duties as are or may be hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE X.

Any person of age of 18 years or over, and owning or controlling cattle, shall be entitled to membership in this association after being elected as hereinafter provided. But no membership shall be continued in this association by any person who does not own or control cattle and render the same for assessment.

ARTICLE XI.

Any person eligible to membership in this association, as specified in article 10, and desirous of becoming a member, shall make application through the secretary, on blank form furnished by him, and be recommended by two members in good standing, and the initiation fee, as hereinafter provided, shall accompany the application. After the application has been made, the same shall be referred to the executive committee, whose duty it shall be to report to the association, with such recommendation thereupon as they may deem proper. Upon said report being received, the members shall immediately vote on the election of the candidate; and if an affirmative majority vote is declared, then the applicant shall take his seat as a member and be granted the privileges of the association; but no applicant shall be received who fails to render for assessment all cattle owned or controlled by him.

ARTICLE XII.

The initiation fee required to constitute a membership in this association shall be $5, and each member shall also pay annually, in advance, $5 as annual dues, all of which shall be paid to the secretary ("and the treasurer shall retain for the benefit of the association 10 per cent of the proceeds of all cattle caught at inspection points or otherwise and sold belonging to members of the association"); and should the business of the association demand it, an assessment shall be made pro rata, based upon the cattle owned or controlled by each member; provided, this assessment shall not exceed 2½ cents per head in any one year.

ARTICLE XIII.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to collect from the owner all pasturage paid by this association, or for which it has become liable, upon cattle belonging to members of this association and caught by inspectors of this association and held by such inspectors on pasturage.

ARTICLE XIV.

Votes cast for election of officers, on applications for membership, and on trial of members for violation of the laws of the association may be cast by ballot or otherwise as a majority of the members present may desire. Each member present must vote unless excused by the president.

ARTICLE XV.

It shall be the duty of each member of the association to make and file with the secretary a list of his brands and marks accompanying such brands, as nearly as possible, of all the cattle for which he asks protection, the number of said cattle to be not less than the number rendered by him for taxation and to include all other cattle owned or controlled by him, with the number of his cattle, his post-office address, location of ranch, etc., all of which shall be recorded by the secretary in a book kept for that purpose, and shall be open at all times for the inspection of members of this association.

ARTICLE XVI.

No member of this association shall render any brand to this association unless he owns or controls all the cattle in said brand.

ARTICLE XVII.

The secretary shall provide himself with all the books necessary for keeping the accounts, records, etc., of the association; also have all printing and advertising done necessary to be done in the interest of the association.

ARTICLE XVIII.

In purchasing the books specified in article 17, and such other stationery as the association may require, and in having printing and advertising done, the secretary may draw on the treasurer to pay for same. Vouchers must accompany his drafts for each purchase made.

ARTICLE XIX.

All disbursements and claims not provided for in article 18 must come before the executive committee in form of an account for allowance.

ARTICLE XX.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to notify each member of his indebtedness to the association quarterly, and any member refusing to pay his annual dues, or the assessment levied by the executive committee, or any portion of it, subjects himself to having his brands taken from the inspector's books and to a forfeiture of his right to protection and to having his name dropped from the roll of members.

ARTICLE XXI.

When a member of this association wishes to discontinue his membership in the same he must notify the secretary of such intention, and pay his indebtedness to the association up to the date of his withdrawal. On payment of such indebtedness the secretary shall furnish the member so withdrawing with an honorable discharge from the membership of said association; provided there are no charges against such member for violations of the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the association.

ARTICLE XXII.

The members of this association shall convene in annual session on the second Tuesday in March each year. At said meeting a majority vote shall determine the place for the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Any member of this association who shall mark, brand, kill, or sell, or in any way appropriate for his own use or benefit any stock not his own, and without proper authority from the owner, shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction, as hereinafter provided, shall be expelled from the association.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Any person who shall drive other cattle than his own from their accustomed range, thereby damaging the owner, will be guilty of violating the good intentions of the association, and on conviction, as hereinafter provided, shall be subject to expulsion, suspension, or reprehension, as the association or executive committee, by a majority vote, may see proper to inflict.

ARTICLE XXV.

Any member of this association, under indictment or other legal accusation of theft, may be suspended from the association, at the discretion of the executive committee, during the pendency of such accusation; and in the event of the conviction of any member of the association of the crime of theft, the executive committee may, at its discretion, expel such member from the association; provided, that all such cases of suspension or expulsion by the committee shall be subject to review, on appeal to the association, at its first annual meeting thereafter.

ARTICLE XXVI.

If any member of this association shall hereafter go on the bond of anyone indicted for the theft of cattle, unless it be a member or an employee of a member of this association, his name shall be taken from the list of members of this association.

ARTICLE XXVII.

It shall be the duty of each member, during a session of the association, to observe strict decorum, to avoid moving about, and all conversation or unnecessary noise

that might disturb the meeting in its deliberations; and when a member wishes to speak upon any subject he shall rise and address the president in a respectful manner, avoiding personalities and indelicate speeches; and when two or more arise at the same time, the president shall decide which one is entitled to the floor.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

It shall be the duty of any member knowing of any other member or members to have willfully and knowingly violated any of the by-laws, rules, and regulations of this association to prefer charges against any such member or members, as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE XXIX.

Any member wishing to prefer charges against any other member, as specified in articles 23 and 24, may appear before the executive committee and present either verbal or written charges against such member; and, if in writing, such charges and specifications shall be fully set forth and accompany the same. He shall present the names of such witnesses as he may wish to substantiate such charges, together with any other evidence he may wish considered. It shall therefore be the duty of said executive committee to consider said charges, and if it deem a trial necessary the said committee shall cause the secretary to summon the accused to appear, with any witnesses or other evidence he may have, at the next meeting of the association, there to stand trial upon such charges. But if upon consideration the said executive committee shall not deem a trial necessary, the accuser shall have a right to present his charges, together with such evidence as he may wish, before the association at its next ensuing meeting for its action upon the same; and if it be deemed that a prosecution be necessary, the secretary shall summon the accused for trial at the next ensuing meeting of the association in the manner hereinbefore stated.

ARTICLE XXX.

Whenever the executive committee shall be reliably informed by any member of the misconduct of any other member, and said information shall not have been presented in writing, it shall be the duty of said executive committee to cause an investigation into the truth of such charges, and if, in the opinion of the committee, the facts warrant it, the said committee shall cause the accused to be brought before the association for trial.

ARTICLE XXXI.

After charges have been preferred against a member in accordance with article 29, the prosecution shall be conducted by the accuser or his proxy and the defense by the accused or his proxy. The prosecution shall open the argument, the defense will follow, and then the prosecution will close, after which the members, with the exception of the accused and accusers or proxies, will ballot upon the guilt or innocence of the accused, and if a majority of the members present vote "guilty," then a ballot shall be taken as to the degree of punishment to be inflicted, commencing at the highest and descending to the lowest. The highest or first degree of punishment shall be expulsion, the second suspension, and the third reprehension; and a majority vote of the members present will be necessary to inflict punishment to any degree.

ARTICLE XXXII.

When a member is expelled he is not eligible to make application for new membership for a period of twelve months after expulsion, but if a member be suspended he shall remain accountable to the association for his conduct, yet is not entitled to any privileges as a member during suspension, but may be reinstated by making application before a stated meeting, and if a majority of the members present vote favorably upon his application, then he will again be entitled to membership.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

It is made the duty of any member of this association knowing of any person—whether a member of this association or not—marking, branding, killing, driving, milking, or in any way using or appropriating any cattle not his own, without proper authority from the owner, to report the same to the association, which hereby binds and obligates itself to prosecute all such offenders to the full extent of the law.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

Whenever any cattle are cut by an inspector of the association, the shipper shall lose the freight, unless he satisfies the inspector at the time that he has an understanding with the owner, or unless the shipper has reported the animal to the inspector or commission firm selling the same.

ARTICLE XXXV.

Whenever there is any dispute between members of this association as to the ownership of any animal held by an inspector of the association, they may submit such dispute to the executive committee at a regular meeting of the same upon their agreement to abide by the decision of said committee.

ARTICLE XXXVI.

No member of this association shall have the right to claim any animal through the association unless the same bears his brand, and the brand of the party from whom he claims to have purchased said animal shall not be considered his unless he has a written transfer of such brand.

ARTICLE XXXVII.

Members of this association will be required to furnish satisfactory proof of ownership to the secretary of this association on disputed claims for proceeds of cattle cut for them within ninety days after they have received notice of adverse claim, or the secretary will be authorized to disregard such claim. But in no case shall the secretary be authorized to turn over the proceeds of said cattle to either party until the expiration of ninety days, unless a decision has been made previous to this time by the executive committee, or the parties concerned agree to the ownership.

ARTICLE XXXVIII.

Order of business.

1. Reading of the minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of the executive committee.
3. Election of officers.
4. Receiving new applications for membership.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business and resolutions.
7. Selection of place for next regular meeting.

ARTICLE XXXIX.

All amendments to these by-laws, rules, regulations, and resolutions shall be made in writing and submitted to the association at a stated meeting.

Utah Woolgrowers' Association.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of protecting the industry of woolgrowing in this State; for the purpose of protecting the rights of persons engaged in this industry; for the purpose of maintaining the vested rights in the use of the common range which have been acquired by the woolgrowers; for the purpose of protecting ourselves against the enactment of laws which are designed to destroy our rights and crush our business, and for the purpose of preventing the spread of a public sentiment hostile to us and our welfare; for the purpose of urging upon Congress that just protection which we have been denied by laws heretofore enacted for the development of our industry, we, the undersigned, woolgrowers and dealers in wool in Utah, do make, ordain, and establish this constitution for ourselves as an associate body.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this association shall be "The Utah Woolgrowers' Association."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this association shall be to carry into effect the purposes above set forth; to secure to the members, as far as possible, an equal participation in the benefits and in the work necessary thereto; to defend the individual members from oppression of any kind and to make a common cause of any injury or injustice inflicted upon a member; to protect the rights of the woolgrower in the use of the range, the water courses and springs, and his right to the use of the public highways; to provide a fund that can be used at any time in defense of our rights, or to prosecute to a final determination suits in the courts of law for any injustice which may be committed on members of this association.

ARTICLE III.

All persons who are engaged in the business of sheep raising or woolgrowing and all persons who are engaged in handling the wool clip of the State shall be eligible to membership in this association; but no person except a woolgrower shall be eligible to hold any office therein.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this association shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, and an executive committee. There shall also be elected a vice-president from each county in the State, whom the president may call in for consultation looking to the best interests of the woolgrowers.

ARTICLE V.

The executive committee shall consist of seven members, including the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, who shall be ex-officio members of this committee.

ARTICLE VI.

The first regular meeting of this association shall be on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1896; the officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present, each member being entitled to but one vote. The term of office shall be one year, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VII.

In case of a vacancy in any office the executive committee shall be empowered to fill the office by appointment until the next regular election.

ARTICLE VIII.

All applications for membership shall be made to the president of this association or to the vice-president of the county in which the applicant resides.

ARTICLE IX.

All voting for the admission of members or for the election of officers shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE X.

The regular meeting of this association shall be held in Salt Lake City annually on the 6th day of April. The regular annual election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

[Names of the first officers of the association inserted here.]

ARTICLE XII.

All amendments or changes to this constitution or to the by-laws must be presented at a regular meeting of this association, and must be in writing. The proposed amendment or change shall be read at the meeting when presented, but no amendment or change shall be adopted unless two-thirds of the members present shall vote in its favor.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of this association or of the executive committee. He shall also perform such other duties as may be required of him by the laws of the association. He shall be ex officio a member of the executive committee.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to assist the president in the per-

formance of his duties, and in case of the absence or inability to act of the president, the vice-president shall preside at the meetings and perform all duties required of the president. He shall be ex officio a member of the executive committee.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the secretary to record in a proper book all the proceedings of the association and of the executive committee. He shall write out the minutes of each meeting previous to the succeeding one, so that the same may be read thereat. He shall also notify members of their election, carry on the correspondence of the association, keep all papers and books, except those of the treasurer; collect all bills and assessments from the members, and pay over the amounts collected to the treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; make a report of all doings and acts of the association, including all the doings and acts of the executive committee at each regular meeting, and shall also perform such other acts as may be required of him by the laws of the association. He shall be ex officio a member of the executive committee, and shall receive such compensation for his services as may be voted to him by the association.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive from the secretary all moneys collected, and to give a receipt to that officer for the same. He shall pay out money only upon warrants issued by the secretary and countersigned by the president, or upon warrants issued by four members of the executive committee, as hereinafter provided for. He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, and at the regular meetings of the association he shall give a detailed statement of all the financial transactions of the association and the executive committee. He shall be ex officio a member of the executive committee.

SEC. 5. The executive committee shall have general direction and supervision of all the work of the association. They shall hold meetings when necessary, at which meetings four members shall constitute a quorum to do business. All damages of whatsoever kind or nature, wrongs, indignities, extortion, or oppression done to or suffered by any member of this association shall be forthwith reported by the sufferer to any member of this committee, who shall immediately notify the president of this association. The officers and executive committee shall then examine into the cause of the complaint, and if, in their judgment, a wrong has been committed to the complaining member they shall forthwith take steps to right the wrong, and shall have power to commence a suit at law for that purpose, and to employ counsel therefor, or to defend a member in lawsuits brought against him wrongfully, and to employ counsel for that purpose; and for the carrying on and maintaining such suits and for the payment of counsel the president of this association shall draw warrants on the treasurer for the necessary funds, which said warrants must state the objects for which the funds are needed.

SEC. 6. Each member of the association who shall join during the year 1896 shall pay an initiation fee of $1, and all persons joining this association afterward shall pay an initiation fee of $1. Every member of this association shall pay a yearly due of $1, provided he is not a sheep owner; but all members who are woolgrowers shall pay as yearly dues $1 for every thousand sheep or fraction thereof which he may own. The yearly dues shall in all cases be paid each year during the fiscal year. The fiscal year shall commence October 6 and end October 6 of the following year. Any member who shall fail to pay his yearly dues as above provided shall forfeit all rights to the protection offered by this association.

SEC. 7. The secretary and treasurer shall give bonds, with two good and sufficient sureties, the eligibility of whom shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah, to the president, which bonds shall be subject to his approval, the secretary in the sum of $1,000 and the treasurer in the sum of $1,000.

SEC. 8. The regular meetings of this association shall be held in Salt Lake City, as provided in the constitution. Special meetings of the association may be called at any time by the president at his discretion, or on the written request of not less than five members of the association. At any regular or special meeting 25 members shall constitute a quorum to do business.

SEC. 9. At all meetings of the association the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling roll of officers.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reading of communications.
4. Reports of officers.
5. Reports of special committees.
6. Reports of standing committees.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Election of officers.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Adjournment.

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